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A Joint Opening and Memorial Service were done with the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Bonney, would you be on the committee for the ladies? That is the Fraternal Relations Committee. Jonathan, Mal and Chip, would you be on the Constitution and Regulations Committee? I don't think we have any resolutions.....

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** We do have one.

**Commander George Maple:** We do have one?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Yes. I don't think we need a committee.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any Officers or Camp Commanders ready with their reports? Brother Twining.

**Brother Twining:** We have 20 delegates.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Can you break that down by Camp Commanders, Past Department Commanders etc.?

**Brother Twining:** 11 Past Camp Commanders, one Camp Commander, 2 Alternates serving as Delegates, 5 Delegates, and 1 Past Department Commander.

**Commander George Maple:** Does any Officer want to give their report? Ed.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Ed Norris, Senior Vice Commander. This is my report. The duties of the Senior Vice Commander include promoting Department activities, the Department newsletter, residing in the absence of the Department Commander at the Department Encampment, acting as a personal representative upon request of the Department Commander, forwarding information about the Department and Camp activities to the Editor of the Banner and carrying out the responsibilities delegated in the position by the Department bylaws, Department Encampment and Department Commander. Two, those, the first one our Department activities were promoted on the Department in the New England Regional Association pages on Facebook. The activities were also promoted on our Departments website and our Yahoo mailing list. The Department did not produce a newsletter this year. Three, I did not need to fill in at the Department Encampment at this year's Encampment. Four, I was not called upon to represent our Department Commander. Articles were submitted to the Editor of the Banner and one of our activities was printed in the June 2013 issue. All duties as defined by the Department bylaws, Department Encampment and Department Commander were carried out. That is the end of my report.

**Commander George Maple:** Ed.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Yes.

**Commander George Maple:** You represented me at National.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I did; I'll amend that.

**Commander George Maple:** Junior Vice?

**Junior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop:** Dexter Bishop, Junior Vice Commander. This past year I processed two applications from National. One individual went to Camp 25 and the other to Camp 5. We held meetings at the Chelsea Home once a month during the afternoon, at 1 o'clock, and also we started a program up in the evening at 7 PM on the third Tuesday. I have pictures of the Christmas party if anyone is interested and would like to see them. At the direction of the Commander, I assisted in getting the hall for the New England Regional Association and we helped at the meeting there. We also at that time assisted in getting the food and all of that stuff. That's about it. Thank you

**Commander George Maple:** Chip.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Stuart Chambers, also known as Chip, Patriotic Instructor for the Department of Massachusetts. I want to thank Camps 15, 25, 51, 104, and 1324 for filing their reports prior to the Encampment. I'm still waiting on for other Camps. On the ones that did report the following answers on question one, "Did you provide educational and patriotic programs at your meetings?" five Camps reported yes. I'll go over what some of them are after. Question two, does your Camp visit schools and share the history of the Civil War and/or offer Patriotic Exercises about the flag of the United States of America. I had one yes and four no. Question three, does your Camp participate in living history events and other venues to educate the public about the Grand Army of the Republic and the Allied Orders. All five have yes. Question number four, does your Camp participate in your communities Memorial Day services? Yes on all counts. Question number five, does your Camp participate in your communities Veterans Day services? I have three yes and two no. Question number six, does your Camp participate in the ROTC program? I have five ROTC that were awarded. Did your Camp participate in the Eagle Scout Program? One camp said 72, which other Camps do, due to that particular persons inability to go to these other locations. One Camp said two and another Camp said eight. Question number eight, does your Camp work with members of the Allied Orders groups? Yes on all counts. Just to give you a quick rundown of some of the activities, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, Department of Massachusetts September 11 observed, Wakefield Civil War commemoration, Bourne Cemetery, Lincolns Brunch, Gettysburg Remembrance Day, various elections, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Island Grove rededication, Rockland Grand Army of the Republic Hall, Abington Hall, December Stroll, a Christmas activity down it Rockland, Medal of Honor recipient Lewis Tracy recognized, the Clara Barton event up in Fitchburg, five headstones were replaced by one of the Camps, a couple of encampments, Daniels Farm and Greenhill Park. There was a ceremony in Worcester at the Blackstone Canal event Wakefield Historical Society, Memorial Day Worcester, Water Ceremony Worcester and for the past eight months or so I have

been getting in contact with various National Park sites, battlefields all up and down the East Coast, getting them to send me flyers so I can pass them out at the events because of the 150th anniversary, in trying to overlap between us and the 150th anniversary. To promote not only the various sites along the East Coast but also letting the kids know at these events that there is a card that they can pick up at these different sites. Some of the other things that have been going on is personally at the encampments, I have been trying to recruit not only for my own Camp but for all of the Camps throughout the state.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** What do you do in your spare time?

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** I work for a living.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Twining, do you have a Graves Registration report?

**Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining:** Steve Twining, Graves Registration Officer for the Department of Massachusetts. Over the past year I have registered approximately 1500 graves, mostly Massachusetts, but by direction of the National Organization I have been working on Fredericksburg National Cemetery. This is one of the things they have the people on the Committee do. I've also become the Civil War guy for Fitchburg, Leominster, and around there, cemetery officials, when they have people interested in Civil War veterans, they have them contact me. I've gone out with approximately eight people bringing them to relatives Civil War graves. I also have a gentleman who is a volunteer and doesn't belong to our organization but I obtained a list several months ago from Lawrence of, well, it's an 80 page list of Civil War veterans buried in Lawrence and he has been going to the United Way and putting them on a database for me. He has got one more page to go and then we will be putting those into the National Register. What I'm finding is a lot of these cemeteries don't have a list of Civil War burials, but a lot of them do but they don't have electronic copies. That is what happened in Lawrence. Somebody typed up a list and didn't have an electronic copy. There is a lot of activity and I have been called because of my Graves Registration affiliation. I've been called to Leominster because they wanted to remove some cannon from the cemetery and move them to another spot right next to a monument for a single Civil War soldier and I was asked to speak against that. I went to the city Council twice and explain to them that these three cannon had become a Civil War monument in and of themselves in the cemetery. They had been there over 100 years and that in the cemetery there is not one but over 275 Civil War veterans buried there. We won that. It is interesting with this job how many people call you for different things. I get calls kind of taking away from Timmy's job. I've had three calls from people who were doing Eagle Scout projects and cemeteries and I've helped them with them. I have informed them about the Eagle Scout certificate and I have told them who to contact. I haven't heard from them yet. They haven't had their Court of Honor. I'm hoping they are going to get ahold of Timmy as I gave them all of his contact information. That is pretty much it. Thank you.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Callahan.

**Eagle Scout Officer Timothy Callahan:** Good afternoon Brothers.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Make sure you identify yourself.

**Eagle Scout Coordinator Timothy Callahan:** Good afternoon, this is our report for the 2012 year. Unfortunately my brother Michael passed away in June and of course we had our annual Lincoln brunch in Concord. Of course it was a great success. We went out to Peabody Mass. and put a wreath on Past Department Commander Frank Tucker's grave. In March we attended the annual Department of Massachusetts Encampment. April 29 we were part of a wreath laying ceremony in Charlestown Training Fields which was actually a Civil War monument. May 6th we went out to Mount Auburn Cemetery and laid a wreath on Charles H Bond stone. May 18th we flagged the Civil War veterans gravesites at Lakeside Cemetery. We were part of the Department of Massachusetts Memorial Day observance in Bourne National Cemetery. We went up to Lynn in May as part of the sesquicentennial events. In June I'm sorry to say, Brother Charles Tucker passed away. In August a few Brothers from my Camp went out to Los Angeles for the National Encampment. A few of the Brothers were part of the Wakefield Civil War Remembrance day. Camp Graves Registration Officer William B Naughton finished replacing the missing sixty-one flag holders at Lakeside Cemetery, Wakefield Massachusetts. Quite a few of my Brothers went down to Gettysburg for the annual Remembrance Day trip. In December we placed a wreath on the Wood grave which was stipulated in the agreement a few years ago. That's the end of my report

**Commander George Maple:** Tim, Eagle Scout report.

**Eagle Scout Coordinator Timothy Callahan:** I'm going to report on the Eagle Scout Award and the way National people want to do it is from Encampment to Encampment. Last year we had seventy, and so far this year is kind of lame. I've only given out about twenty so far. I know there is five more pending and there is still a few weeks before the National Encampment. I've got five more left to do and it runs in streaks, because one year I had ninety-three, I think. It's just not me; there's a bunch of Brothers assisting me travel wise. I would say Chip has been my biggest travel person having those young legs. Thank you very much.

**Commander George Maple:** Bob, you may as well stay up. Do you have your Highway Officers report?

**Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer Bob Borden:** Yes I can also give a report for Camp 50, if and when. Which would you like first?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** It's all up to you.

**Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer Bob Borden:** Bob Borden Camp 50, Past Camp Commander. The Camp Commander had to work today. A brief rundown of what has been going on down in Rockland in the year 2012. In Rockland, Brother Dean Sargent had a display from his personal collection in the Weymouth Public Library and usually always has something at the show and tell for the monthly meetings which are the second Wednesday. Occasionally other members join in. Brother Mark Nicholson showed up one night in his Zouave uniform and described and demonstrated the Zouave bayonet drill which was kind of scary. Tom Witham showed and described the history of the Maynard Carbine. Brother Lundin brought in a

display of Civil War era shoes and boots. Now Rockland is down in boot factory country and during the Civil War supposedly Abington, which included Rockland, made 70% of the shoes worn by Union soldiers. But Rockland says they made 80% of all the shoes and Elmwood Village down in East Bridgewater claims they made 95% of all the shoes. Of course a lot of those shoes were kind of shoddy, though who made those I don't know. We had a belated Memorial service for Brother Dudley Letson. When he died, we could not catch up with the family and it took us two years to find his grave in Hingham, but that was taken care of. The big event in September was in Island Grove Park in Abington celebrating its 300th anniversary. Rockland, where we meet, was formerly East Abington, and the culminating event in September was a Civil War Encampment at Island Grove Park. Island Grove was the site of abolitionist rallies in the 1840's and 50's. They would have special excursion trains come down from Boston and up from the Cape and there would be several thousand in there listening to people like William Lloyd Garrison. There is a large bronze plaque remembering that event. In 1912 a local GAR and SUV groups spearheaded the drive for a Memorial arch and footbridge across the pond. Now President William Howard Taft was supposed to be there in 1912. It was publicized but somehow he didn't get there. So this year, the 22nd Massachusetts Volunteers came in and set up for a Civil War encampment, and Ladies of the Sanitary Commission set up their display. There were five working craftsmen including a blacksmith with a portable forge and members of Camp 50 put out a sizable display of Civil War weapons, accoutrements and ordinance. Some of the ordinances were fragments. Those that had not exploded, we reassured the spectators they had been deactivated. The highlight for the little boys was reproduction 6-pound field cannon and they were very upset we said no, we were not going to fire it. At 1 o'clock on Saturday afternoon, Camp 50 Color guard and Color Guards of the local veterans organizations came across the bridge under the arch for a rededication service. Now we had to let state and local politicians take part but basically we use the original GAR Dedication Service that was formed in 1912. The 22nd Massachusetts Volunteers fired three volleys. At dusk, candelaria, which is a fancy word for candles in Mason jars, lined the bridge across the pond up into the encampment, and I believe the last spectator finally left at about 9 o'clock at night. Billy passed out a lot of leaflets about the GAR Hall in Rockland and I'm happy to report we recruited three Camp members. They probably will all be Associates, two of them father and son definitely will be Associates. The father did active duty in Afghanistan in the Russian army. Yes we are Americanizing him. Then on Sunday morning, Camp Chaplain Brother Bryant conducted a church service in the Grove. The Abington Tricentennial committee was very happy with the results, the number of people that came out in the comments they received. So we got a good deal of publicity out of it. We also had in the Tercentennial Parade I think in July and in October we had a benefit auction at the Hall to raise money towards the preservation of the stained-glass windows. Actually the protection is better; right now they are being protected by a heavy gauge chicken wire. We're looking at something like Lucent, but it's a question of ventilation behind the protective shields. So that study is still going on. The office has been completely repainted, ceiling and walls. We have a new couple in the Memorial Association who are really active;

they're doers. I could use about six more. On December 24 the Hall was open for the town's annual Holiday Stroll. The Rockland Historical Commission came in with a display, the Ladies of the Sanitary Commission had a display, Camp members brought in items from their personal collections for displays of weapons, accoutrements and so on. We have been doing this now for about three years. Jumping into this year, last Sunday we hosted a Civil War swap meet - very well attended. I was shocked when I got there; I saw two cars with Connecticut license plates. Our Department Patriotic Instructor was there handing out information and I think he was happy with the number of people who stopped to talk to him. So we have had a somewhat busier year than usual. The Camp has slowly been gaining strength since I joined in the late 1990s and the building still needs a lot of work, but it's not falling in like it used to be. So that includes a brief report for Camp 50. I am as bad as that guy from Scituate, aren't I?

**Commander George Maple:** You have another half hour to go.

**Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer Bob Borden:** Well I have another report. Robert Borden, Department Highway Officer. I learned in the real Army that you never volunteer for anything. If they ask for a volunteer you take two steps back, because even if you don't move you are out front. I sort of volunteered a year or so ago to become Highway Officer for two reasons. It depends whether you're looking north or south, the Hartsuff Camp is on the extreme left or right flank of the Department, and geographically we are closest to Route 6. Also, I grew up in New Bedford and Route 6 goes right through it, and I can remember from my boyhood, signs about the GAR from Dartmouth down through Marion, and as a young boy the very name Grand Army of the Republic Highway had a certain awe and fascination to it. So I volunteered. Now I have not been able to travel the entire route but I have done quite a bit. So, depending on which way you are facing, Route 6 runs from Provincetown to California, or from California to Provincetown. I will start my remarks at the Rhode Island state line. Coming east you come to the towns of Seekonk, Swansea, Somerset, and crime-ridden Fall River. I have not driven that part yet however a large scale gazetteer of Bristol County shows that in the towns of Swansea and Somerset, the legal name of the road is the GAR Highway. If you live on it that is your legal mailing address. Now whether there are the official state signs you can read I don't know yet. Starting at the Fall River/Westport town line there is no sign. At the Westport/Dartmouth town line I can remember from my youth there used to be a sign at the junction of Route 6 and route 177. That area used to be known as Westport factory because of a big three-story granite mill. The intersection has been reconfigured. The sign is gone, the granite mill is gone; it has been replaced with a strip mall. We get to the Dartmouth/New Bedford town line the sign is still there in the center median. There used to be a sign on the harbor bridge at the New Bedford/Fairhaven town line, it is gone. It was probably lost in a hurricane. Getting into Fairhaven, just past Fairhaven High School there is a sign that says this is the Fairhaven Firefighters Memorial Highway. There are no signs in the towns of Fairhaven, Mattapoisett, Marianne or Wareham until you get down into East Wareham and opposite 146 Sandwich Rd.

which is Route 6, there is a sign. There is no sign at the Bourne town line. Across from the canal, we are still in Bourne, beyond the bridge near mile marker 56.4 in the center strip partially obscured by foliage there is a sign. If you blink you are going to miss it. Coming up Cape that same sign is even more obscured by foliage. Crossing into Barnstable there is a sign that says it is the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway. That was put in 12 or more years ago at the instigation of a veterans club down on the Cape. I don't know if the town did it or the state. It was in the newspaper at the time. Hartsuff Camp reported it at the time to the Department. But by the time we learned about it, it was an accomplished fact. So Barnstable is a big town, just about a half a mile before exit 6 for Hyannis there is a sign, the standard sign. There is a matching one coming up Cape just past exit 6. It is about half a mile before the exit. Eastbound there is a GAR sign near mile marker 67.8 which I think is in the town of Yarmouth. In Dennis before the overpass for old Bass River Road there is a marker; there is a matching one coming up Cape just past Old Bass River Road. There is another near exit 9A at mile 77.6 in Dennis. The towns of Brewster, Orleans, Eastham, Wellesley, and Provincetown remain to be surveyed. However, I have found photographic evidence there are two signs in P town. One says it is heading west at the beginning of Route 6, Bishop California 3205 miles and the eastbound sign it says the end US Route 6 Provincetown, Massachusetts to Long Beach California 3652 miles. Route 6 in California was chopped off some years ago, and it officially ends now at Bishop California. They have it correct on one sign and not on the other. Brother Norris did some research; the original GAR Highway was proclaimed by the State in 1937. A drive for the National route started in 1934 and Massachusetts was the first one to enact legislation and it was 1940 before all of the states signed in. In 1958 the legislature passed an amendment that that .portion of the highway now known as Route 6A which begins in the town of Provincetown and extends to North Truro shall be designed as the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. This act takes effect upon its passage October 1958. Looking at a roadmap when you cross the bridge Route 6 splits off and runs along the North Shore, mid-cape Route 6 goes straight through,6A ends at Route 6 at the Orleans/Eastham Rotary. You get down to North Truro to be exact by Old North Truro Burying Ground all of a sudden there is Route 6A again and from there Route 6 is suddenly a multilane highway again all the way down into P town. I think what happened when this new double-barreled stretch was built what had been Route 6 became Route 6A and surprising for Massachusetts in a fit of economy and they decided it was cheaper to rename the highway that was to move the signs. So the question is from Truro down is Route 6A marked, or Route 6, or neither. Route 6 and Route 6A meet beyond downtown P town at the Province Land road at the very tip of Heron Cove. If you want to drive any further you need pontoons and a propeller. So this is what I have accomplished so far. It's not written out couldn't get my wife to do it on the computer. I'm 70 and a computer illiterate and I'm rather happy with it so I hope to finish the Cape by next fall. I don't go on the Cape between Memorial Day and Columbus Day. There are too many New Jersey license plates. But I will get the Fall River/Rhode Island finished in a few months and it will get down to the Cape in the fall and if I am reappointed I should have a complete reports for you next year. Thank you

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Brother Commander, I have a question. You mentioned that some of the signs that were previously there are now removed. Do we have a plan of action to get them back?

**Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer Robert Borden:** They disappeared a while ago. I think that is up to the Commander to decide. I think the Commander should check with the state Department of Public Works. I don't know if it was originally supposed to be one in each town boundary or one every so many miles. I said there is none at the Dartmouth/Westport line but then there's one at the New Bedford/Dartmouth line. When I was a teenager there was one just east of Smithville village in North Dartmouth. So that was not near a town boundary. I'm wondering if originally there was supposed to be one every five or 10 miles but that is information that I haven't been able to find out.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** So do we have a plan for contacting them?

**Grand Army of the Republic Highway Officer Robert Borden:** Well the first thing I need to do is finish the survey and we should at least try to get one in each town boundary. Now as far as the Fairhaven firefighters, that obviously was done by the town. The Korean War Veterans sign down in Barnstable, I know it was a veterans group down there that agitated for it. I think that was placed by the state, but I'm not sure. As I said, it was 13 or 14 years ago that we saw it in the newspaper. So I think the first thing is I need to finish a complete survey and then see where we are missing them at town boundaries. Obviously they weren't always at town boundaries because the one in East Wareham is well within Wareham; it's not at the town line. I suspect that originally they were supposed to have been placed every five or ten miles apart.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Again my concern would be the longer that we wait to contact the State and tell them to fix the signage problem well, the legislation you just read, the longer we wait the more entrenched that Korean war sign might get. So maybe the Commander could appoint a committee to work on that. We certainly don't want to lose the GAR Highway, we don't want to have it broken up or diluted in any way. That would be my suggestion to the incoming Commander, but thank you.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Murray

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Daniel Murray, Treasurer. At the 2011 Annual Department Encampment, a CD was maturing and approximately $53,000 was voted on to be transferred to the Department Permanent Fund for the purchase of stock. The CD matured before it could be transferred to the new Treasurer at the time. It reached maturity again this year, and I believe it was either a 15 or 18 months CD, so it did not mature again until this year. When it was cashed out the value was $53,389 being sent to the Wells Fargo advisors for the purchase of stock for the permanent fund. The remaining funds of the CD were put into the Clinton Savings bank to be put into the Loring fund. When that CD reaches maturity in the first week of April this will bring the Loring fund value up to $22,373.86. That was voted on at the 2011 encampment. I am recommending a budget for 2013/2014 of 23,270. This being one of the sesquicentennial years

with the possibility of events, and also with the planned return of the reproduction flags to the State House in 2015. Our projected annual income for this year is $21,000. Actually it will be a little more because it includes the $53,000, It was sent to purchase more stock. The annual CPA review from April 1, 2011 to March 31, 2012 was completed; a copy is available for review at this Department Encampment. Copies will also be provided to the Department Council and to the Department Secretary. Those were submitted to them. That is the end of my report. I do have account balances if anyone has questions about them. The general fund as of yesterday afternoon is $10,398.23, which is our checking account. The other balances, as you can see, are what they were when they were reported to me.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** In the General Account, the $10,400, is any of that money allocated towards other purposes for the funding?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Could you restate the question?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** The question was, is any of the money in the general fund supposed to be reallocated to the CDs? Is that what you want to know? I have already sent the money for that CD to the Clinton bank so that when the CD matures it will automatically be put in; it is taken care of. The $1500 for the flag fund and the expenses for this year's encampment has to come out of this $10,398. So approximately, there is about $7300 in the checking account. Any other questions?

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** In the flag fund, is there $3000.00 now?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** There will be when that $1500.00 goes in. Are there any other questions? Thank you.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other camp reports? Brother Twining.

**Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining:** Steve Twining, Secretary/Treasurer of Bay State Camp 61 and I am taking the liberty of doing the report because the Camp Commander for personal reasons is unable to be here and be informed of everything we are doing except by telephone or email. Camp 61 is quite a small camp but this year we did manage to sponsor a signature event. You've probably heard us talk about it. Back about a year and a half now, they sold what is called the Annex to the old Fitchburg High School and on the property of that school was a tree planted in honor of Clara Barton. Clara Barton was very close to Fitchburg, the Ladies Soldiers Relief Committee from Fitchburg who raised money, they took over the hallway in City Hall and made things for the soldiers and provided them to Clara Barton along with holding fundraisers and giving her money to buy things for the soldiers in the field. So the city had planted a tree in her honor and had this monument and when they sold the property the monument went with it. Since I'm kind of active in Fitchburg I was doing a thing on monuments in Fitchburg and I found out about it and I recovered it for the city. Camp 61 then voted to pursue moving it to Monument Park which is where the big Civil War monument is and we created the Clara Barton Military Nurses Memorial; you can buy commemorative bricks to honor any of those that served in the military as nurses, medics or corpsman. September 16 we had our

signature event; Chip was there helping with recruiting. We had quite a lovely program that lasted about an hour. It was on the local TV channel and it was quite a success and Camp 61 has now voted to try to create a monument again in Monument Park in Fitchburg to honor Orlando Voss, the Medal of Honored recipient from Fitchburg who was quite interesting. I was doing some work on graves registration and in the Sentinel and Enterprise which was a local newspaper the editor wrote an article which said Orlando Voss a local resident received his Medal of Honor for action in the Civil War in the mail today; that was it. If you read the citation, it was quite an event that he did and he survived. Next year we are hoping to have another signature event placing a monument in the park and Camp 61 also just happens to have a display in the Fitchburg Public Library for Medal of Honor Day which I'm sure you all know is Monday and we have a poster of Orlando Voss and it's also Women's History month so we have a poster about Mary Walker, the only woman to receive the Medal of Honor and that happened to be in the Civil War. That is Camp 61's activity for the year.

**Commander George Maple:** Conley would you like to give a report on Camp 3188?

**Councilman Conley Ford:** My name is Conley Ford and I am the past Camp Commander of Scituate Camp 3188. What I am going to have to report to you today is that our Commander had a conflict with other meetings and he is meeting with the Sons of the American Revolution right now in New Hampshire. He is a National Trustee so he has to be there at that event. But to bring the news from 3188 I can proudly say that we have 19 paid members. Of course about half live in other states from Tennessee to Florida but when we meet we usually have seven or eight but can have up to 10 members at a meeting. What is unique about our camp is seven or eight are from the town of Scituate and many of us are involved with other organizations in the town whether it is the American Legion, the VFW, the Knights of Columbus, the Veterans Council, whatever. So when a function takes place in our town many of us have to change hats as we go from the American Legion or the VFW to the Sons of Union Veterans. We participate, maybe one of us or two of us, we are always at an event that is happening in the town. Realizing what we have to do and what we are trying to work on right now is to have a particular signature event that only the Sons of Union Veterans organization are noted for within the town. The Sons puts on the show therefore we should get the front page coverage when it comes to publicity time or if the event is a fundraiser. So that is what we are working on within the Camp itself. Our Camp, just to digress here a little bit, we're very active, we always have a Brother at every National meeting and we make efforts for you to have a delegate to represent the Department as well as our Camp at National level and at Department level. That is reflected right now and that we have four members who have either elected or appointed Department offices, but again we are struggling like all the other camps trying to grow our membership. Hopefully next year will be a little bit better year, and we have a new slate of officers that just took over and was sworn in by Commander Maple and hopefully we get off to a good start and that's all I have to report at this time. Thank you

**Commander George Maple:** Jonathan, do you want to give a Camp 25 report?

**Brother Jonathan Duce:** Brother Jonathan Duce, Camp Secretary/Treasurer for Willie Grout Camp 25. We meet in Worcester Massachusetts on the fourth Monday of the month and we have 27 members with about eight or nine that come to our regular meetings. My participation in the

Camp has been very meaningful to me. As you know, my father passed away this past year. He got me into the Camp in 2004 and immediately I was recruited into some officers role and I have been Camp Secretary for eight years now and I've just had a very meaningful time with all Brother's. I don't have time to do many of the events I would like to do but it is so meaningful for me to come back every meeting and hear the things that Chip does, that Brother Norris does, that Brother Mal does, and I am doing a disservice not to be able to list them all. We have a very active camp, it is in a lot of local community events and I am proud to be a member of Camp 25. I am looking forward to a busy year with all of my Brothers.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Rotando do you have a report from the SVR?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Good morning Brother's, Peter Rotando Camp 25, also Commander of the First Military District in New England. We thought these signature events that were proposed to National would be coming left and right for the 4 1/2 years of the war but it has not come to fruition. The biggest event that we witnessed was Camp 61 in Fitchburg which was well participated. We had state representatives, the Commissioner of the Highway Department, the Mayor, the SVR got involved there with the Color guard. We had the local reenacting group for the volley fire and like Steve said it one on for a good hour or hour and a half. They had local kids come in the provided to music and singing of era tunes of the Civil War. It was quite nice and we had beautiful weather. Some of the people that Steve has befriended in the area of the library are kind of looking out for that Civil War site and protect it for the city of Fitchburg. To note we are being requested for an event in the town of Grafton on May 18 unless it changes around noon time. Brother Bishop has told me about June 1 in the city of Lynn on the common.
He will get more information out on it. Put those dates aside if you would like to do participate or attend and we welcome everybody who will be coming out for these this summer. The hard part about local communities with a have Civil War events is the event is about four weeks from the day they call you or three weeks or less and want you to put something together. The biggest thing is giving to notice to our members who can attend or are available, that is the only part that hurts us. So again I would May 18, June 1 and I don't know if Brother Mal has any other events going on in the reenacting community hopefully there's room for everybody and there usually is.

**Commander George Maple:** Do you have a report from the Council do you want to wait until the budget?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** I can do it now. Peter Rotando, Camp 25 and also a member of the Department Council. This short report is given by me but the other members of the Council can also speak if they wish to. My report is to the Department of Massachusetts Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War there appears to have been little activity other than the Lincoln Brunch and the trip to Gettysburg. We have held no meetings and there was no request for funds for questions sent to myself. The budget items for the National Encampment appear to have been satisfactory and no additional funds were requested. I have seen the proposed budget for 2013 sent by the Department Treasurer and believe the majority of the items fall within reason. I suggest the encampment trim $2000 from the $23,270 since I do not believe our revenues have been that great to support anymore respectfully submitted,  Peter Rotando. Thank you.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Conley Ford, Scituate Camp 3188. I am going to give the financial accounting for the Department Council. First of all I would like to recognize Dan for an outstanding job this past year in years before as Treasurer. It's amazing the work that is involved with being the treasurer of the Department. I've gotten a better appreciation and this is my first years at looking at the budget, the proposals and the process you have to go through accounting for all of the activities that are going on within our Department. Notice that we've got roughly 31 line items that for me to go through each one of them it is a monumental task. It is a heck of a lot of work. More importantly as I recognize here yes we do have able-bodied efficient people like certified CPAs and audit our books every year and is a nice report right here, the actual CPA report. It reflects what a good job Dan has been doing over this past year and the years before. Now looking at the items, the 31 items I'm looking at especially there's no change from last year whatsoever. In fact a lot of the money that was budgeted for was never even spent, nobody even applied for it. I would just like to bring the point out as to why no one is applying for it. The funds are available so if you're an Officer or you're in charge of a project and you have expenses, do so, submit those receipts and get for that. To think that we have maybe one or two officers in here that are submitting receipts to get reimbursed. So if you're involved in an activity right now with me or the Treasurer to see if you can get reimbursed. The monies are there, so let's use it. For example to give you one example on Recruitment we budgeted $250 and there was none spent last year and I asked the reason why we've got $250. I know people did some recruiting in here, had to be, or if we're not we should be. The question I also ask myself is is that enough, do we have the right funds in the right place to grow our organization. These are the things that come to mind not really being a bean counter but by looking at the budget itself. Yes it appears that we have plenty of money but we are not spending it. I think what the surplus was this year I don't know but somebody mentioned the figure of $8000 surplus.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** It will be a little less than that as the $1500 hasn't been taken out yet.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Okay say $5000, $3000, $2000, if we are going to grow as an organization we need to do the work that is incurring these expenses. I think we get more, and it would show up more in our numbers each year. As far as the report the way it is written here in the proposal that is made to cut expenses, I think $2000 is recommended, I see no problem with cutting it as long as we are assured that our new leadership that is coming for the year 2013/2014 has the monies to go in the direction that they want to lead us in this next year. So keep that in mind, if there any items that you see that should be revisited why maybe we should revisit them. But what has been proposed by our Treasurer, his proposal is right on target for what we need to do, but it should be new officers to come back and say we need to revisit this for additional funds, discretionary monies or whatever do their job in 2014. I think we should listen to them, so that is my feedback on things. Also Brother John is on the Council. Brother, do you have a few words to say?

**Councilman John Bates**: John Bates Past Department Commander, also Department Council. I would like to echo Brother Conley's comments that we need to supply the incoming leadership with the funds they need to function for this Department, certainly I you could take a look at the records of the budgets for the last five, six, seven years. We've come under budget, I think we've done very well doing that, we also don't want to short change ourselves and we want to give

ourselves the tools that we need to increase our membership. Certainly we want to stay within budget will but we want to have the money is available for anybody that wants to help increase the membership of this Department and I would echo the comments of Brother Conley in that respect and anybody who has suggestions please talk to us about it, as the budget will be presented this afternoon.

**Junior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop:** My name is Dexter Bishop and on behalf of Commander Paul Kenworthy I will bring a short report on our activities at Camp 5. We are meeting in the GAR Hall in Lynn. Last year the members of Camp 5 participated in the Sesquicentennial program in Lynn which ranged from programs that were presented in the schools during the week of May 28 through May 31 and then on June 1, 2, 3 also. Unfortunately on the weekend pretty much most of the program was deluged with an awful lot of water. We still meant up and were on the Commons, we had a 10 pound Parrot Rifle that was fired off about five times, three rounds for each time and the car security alarms were going off all over the place. We had a great time in every cop in town that was on duty when they got used to the times it will be firing all seem to be down around the common area and parked to watch the activities, which was quite something. During that period we also had the program in keeping with what Post 5, actually its history we had a meal on Friday at the Masonic Hall and then on Saturday evening we had a bean supper at the GAR Hall. Both events were sold out and in fact at the Masonic Hall we were scratching everywhere to make sure we had enough to feed everyone that showed up, and at the bean supper we also had the same problem although our Past Department Commander Tucker baked the beans, and there was a lot of nice food and everyone had a great time. It was really a wonderful program. We are going to be doing the same this coming June on the Commons and you heard it mentioned just a few minutes ago we've also participated in training Lynn's teachers. We have a regular program that is in conjunction with the Roundtable and the Camp and we have so far, in January, we did 35 teachers from Lynn and are planning another program this May. There will be another group of 35 to 40 teachers that will come down and learn a little bit about the Civil War. I think that is something I would recommend to all Camps to reach out to their school History Department's and also the services of going into the school and doing programs within the school and/or as we are doing training programs for which they get there PDP credits. The teacher seemed to enjoy it and it's amazing the questions that the History teachers are asking which pretty much shows we need to do a lot of work in that area. Also the members of Camp 5 also assist me over at Chelsea Soldiers Home every month when we go over and have our programs We have a great following there and it's got to the point where I was representing the Department Commander and we swore in three direct descendants and one associate. They are now in the Department as Department Members at Large. Hopefully Chelsea will be forming a Camp there so I think it's a very exciting time. Also I met the commander just recently of the 54th, Lieutenant Colonel in the National Guard. Company A of the 54th Regiment has now been designated honorary honor guard for the National Guard and it looks like we may be picking up some of their members also very shortly. Also on behalf of Camp 5, I presented before the city Council of Lynn in support of a $4 million bond of which $150,000 of it was for the hall and we were successful in getting the bond passed so we will be happy to announce refurbishing the front of the building and bringing it up to what it looked like when they first built it. Also we got with a little bit of lobbying with some of our state reps and senators, they put $50,000 in the state budget for us and we got $25,000 of it anyway, well the

Governor cut it to $25,000 and that will be added to the hundred and $150,000 so we will be looking to make it happen. Thank you

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker Department Secretary and a dual member in Camp 5. I just wanted to expound a little on one of the things that Dexter mentioned. First of all you see the kind of work that Dexter does and even at that he is still being modest about how many things he does. The main event that they did for Memorial Day that week long set of events that he talked about they got rained on but really the full course of it was they brought Jim Getty from Pennsylvania and a reenactor that does Frederick Douglas from Kentucky. He raised the funds for that by going out into the community, putting ads in the program book and raised hopefully close to $12,000 because that was the budget they raised for that event. In that event they took those gentlemen to the high school well actually it was three high schools they took those gentlemen to the high schools and did programs at each high school. There were full assemblies and classroom programs with some of the people from the Roundtable. It was a weeklong Memorial Day Civil War week culminating in an encampment on Lynn Common of course it got rained on. They had bands, two dinners, flew those guys up and put them up in a hotel and flew them back again. It was a gigantic event especially for Lynn, it was a real good effort at community organization. Not only were the Sons involved, the Roundtable was involved, the Hightower Association was involved, the City Hall, the Mayor, everybody was in on it. It was really a nice event but even I want to comment on this. You heard about Steve Twining and Camp 61 having a signature event and well worthy of the organization's designation as that. We tried to get that Lynn event designated as a signature event but because I wrote at the beginning was that one of the things we're going to do was talk about Frederick Douglas, who lived in Lynn by the way, and the bandstand is named after Frederick Douglas and he wrote his book while living in Lynn. Because I mentioned that National came back and said no we can't make this a signature event because you're talking about abolitionists and not the army. So I asked him what I should do, and the committee came back and said I just wrote it wrong. You want to make sure that you say it is about Union soldiers and not about abolitionists. So I rewrote it about Union soldiers and they came back, the committee passed that the first time by the way, and was rejected by the Council. The Council came back and said no we told you know the first time, and then they wouldn't hear it after that on appeal. I'm not sure what Union Army Clara Barton was in, but a few months later that got past but then again certainly a worthy cause the Clara Barton monument. But the fact that there is a dictatorship as to what can be designated as a signature event really bothers me about National. They don't give us any money but they say do this and we will designate it so it's really no skin off our nose. It's kind of unfair that all that work, all that money, months really years of planning went into that event in a just pooh-poohed it like it was no big deal. We did by the way, we did a cemetery as part of that whole event there was a bus that went around the city to see all the Civil War sites including the grave of Colonel Mudge, the Soldiers Cemetery up at Pine Grove Cemetery which is where the Lynn GAR Post 5 GAR plot with 500 graves including Medal of Honor winners. We did Memorial services there, we did Memorial services at Colonel Mudges grave, we had the reenactment, we talked about the history of the war in the high schools, but all of those things didn't count because we mentioned an abolitionist. Personally I am bothered by that, I just want everybody to know that because Frederick Douglass's name was mentioned it got pooh-poohed. So this is just my two cents and I

probably will not try to do a signature event again because of that. It's just a waste of my time. We are having the same event again well a similar event this year but I won't bother to apply at National for it.

**Commander George Maple:** So we have some communication?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Well we don't have any communication but I have some, I have a resolution or two. Do you want to do that?

**Commander George Maple:** Yes.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I have a resolution, Kevin Tucker Department Secretary by the way.

Whereas Brother Ed Norris having distinguishably he served the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War in the following ways, National Chief of Staff to Commander in Chief Perley E Mellor, National Guide two years, Department Senior Vice Commander, Department Junior Vice Commander, Department Treasurer for five years, Camp Commander for three years, served in numerous Officer positions for the camp, the New England Regional Association Treasurer for two years, the Chairman of the National Battle flag Preservation committee for the last five years, the National Restore Memorial Day committee for two years, the 2008 National Encampment committee, two-time recipient of the Roger Olson award as most outstanding brother in the Department of Massachusetts in 2007 and 2010. He is a graduate of Memorial University and a participant in the Council of Administration meetings at National

Whereas Brother Norris is the second great grandnephew of Color Sergeant James M Smith Company C 18th Regiment Maine Volunteer Infantry and Company C 1st Maine Heavy Artillery. Brother Norris has four other second great grand uncles who served in Maine in Wisconsin regiments in numerous cousins serving in Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts New Hampshire, New York or in Vermont Regiments, U.S. Navy and Veterans Reserve Corps. To date Brother Norris has documented 10 ancestors who were comrades in the Grand Army of the Republic.

Whereas Brother Norris has served within the community in such organizations as the President of the North Worcester County Civil War Roundtable, Treasurer of the Civil War Roundtable of Central Massachusetts, Treasurer of two youth hockey organizations, National Director of membership in chapter relations for Information Systems Security Information, President of the Information Systems Security Information New England Chapter.

Therefore the Brothers of the Department of Massachusetts shall resolve to support for the election of Edward J Norris, Past Camp Commander for the position of Council of Administration at the 2013 Annual National Encampment. So we submit and solicit for your support for Brother Norris's candidacy.
Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary
That is a motion.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll second that motion.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion on the motion? All those in favor. Opposed. Motion carries.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I just want to note that that vote is unanimous.

**Commander George Maple:** I think when we get to the budget we should vote on putting an ad in the program for National for Brother Norris for the Council of Administration.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Do you want me to read all the orders from National?

**Commander George Maple:** No.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Then I think that is all I have. Brother Commander I suggest, that we have an 11:30 AM lunch, I suggest that we break.

**Commander George Maple:** I thought it was 12 noon.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** No it was 11:30 AM. We have a guest presenter and she is in there.

**Commander George Maple:** The flyer said 12 noon.

## Meeting recessed at 11: 19 AM. Meeting reconvened at 1:30 PM

**Commander George Maple:** Brothers the Commander in Chief would like to bring his greetings.

**Commander in Chief Perley Mellor:** Brothers, I am Perley Mellor Commander in Chief. It is an honor to be back here in Massachusetts addressing my own Department after being across the country, so far on some of the other ones, through snowstorms and everything else. One quick comment, in Bishop California the sign is there, in fact I had my picture taken in front of it. The other 56 miles after it, not even jackrabbits live there. There is nothing but desert it for 56 miles, no towns, no nothing. If you ever get there make sure you have a full tank of gas and a lot of water. A couple of comments the preamble you are going to be voting on which everybody has seen it is going to be adding the Revenue Cutter Service and if you remember the Revenue Cutter Service is a prelude to today's Coast Guard. I think it did as much if not more than the Navy did, in fighting in the Civil War in the little tributaries and rivers, canals or wherever. They did a fantastic job. So far all of the departments have ratified it, but we still have a lot more to go yet ,because we have to get over 50%. The Eagle Scouts have done a fantastic job of being recognized in Massachusetts. Countrywide we're looking at almost 1000 Eagle Scouts that have been recognized. I believe we have a lot more coming up and we're dealing a lot more with the scouting department, the scouting conferences, districts and councils. I realize that some Councils will not deal with anybody, other than whoever is in their own Council. This is something we have to break down, they are our future, we've picked up a lot of scouts for this organization across the country. Some of them have become Juniors, some of them have become

full members, but we're getting them. I was listening to the reports of the Camps to this morning, again the Camps are doing fantastic, each one in their own area usually, but they are doing fantastic work as far as the organizing and distributing the information in getting out to the members, including new members,getting new members and keeping them in.
The only one we haven't heard from yet is the Springfield area and I'm sure we will. Signature events, if anybody is going to do a signature event please put it forward. We just had three more come across my desk in the last week and they haven't been approved yet. We've had several disapproved. One of them is here in Massachusetts the other one is in Missouri and another one in Texas and we have one in New Jersey disapproved. So we're not approving all of them as signature events. It is not a blanket approval for any event. The biggest thing I'm looking at right now is membership, my goal this year has been to increase it to 300 or 400 more than last year. The last report I got from the National Executive Director was 6887, no 6487 that's an increase of about 2000 in the last two or three years. For a while we were going down in numbers. Our average that the National Junior Vice brings in is about 250 to 300 each year. I'm looking to increase that to over 400 for the year. So far we've increased that about 100 and 150, so that this year is up for new members across the country. The state of Illinois put an edict out to their members to bring one or bring two and they've increased their membership by about 30 this year that I've seen. So membership is there. What I am looking at is to increase our membership with the juniors. If we get the juniors and we can increase our membership and they are our future. Our future is in our younger members. We are all getting up there in age, well not all of us, but a lot of us are getting up there in age. We need to bring the younger members and get them interested, keep them interested. The other thing I am looking at is the attrition rate; we are bringing in almost as many as we are losing. We need to find a way to instill in our new members a reason to stay and become active in their Camp. If we can do that we can retain them. I've seen this in a lot of the places I have been and I have seen it here in our own state. Activities, show and tell in the different Camps, the things they are doing to keep active in the communities and keeping active. People are recognizing who we are, but we still have some out there saying who are you? As soon as they realize who we are, they ask us we want to help, can we help. It does work. Some of the other things that come across my desk are the newsletters, in fact have one camp and my own camp is Camp 25, but I have another Camp 25 in Nevada. I get at least three or four newsletters a day with the stuff that they are doing and to get the word out to everybody. Some do it on Facebook and Facebook is a great thing if anybody has ever wants to be on it you can send information out it. The 501(c)(3) you are going to hear more about it, but the last report I got was about a week ago and is approximately 90% complete. The package will be about two or 3 inches thick going to the IRS. Once the IRS gets it they have up to 90 months to look at it and to sit on it and there is no guarantee that they will approve it. But I am hoping they do because if they approve it in give us a 501(c)(3), which means we can get matching donations from different organizations and a lot of money to help sustain ourselves. Some of the departments are working on a shoestring budget and they can't get donations because they cannot deduct them. That would help us. It is going to be for the National Organization, all of the Department's, and all of the Camps at Large and all the Camps so it is one big massive folder that is going into the IRS. After that it will be up to the individual Departments and Camps to renew each year. Some of the Departments are very expensive than some of the Departments are free, Some of the States are free, but you have to renew each year. Two of the committees that were started up by Past Commander in Chief Donald Palmer were the Vision and Planning Committee and the Marketing Committee. Those are going full-fledged and going out to increase

towards 2020. We need to know where we are, who we are and advertise what we are doing. The reports I am getting in right now, the reports are very lengthy and very detailed. Some of it is going to cost us a lot of money some of it is not: some of it is free but the advertising is there. The other thing that I am working with is working on our relationship with the ladies, the Allied orders. This started about two or three years ago to have meetings with the Allied orders, renew or strengthen our relationship with the Allied orders and I have already had one meeting with the heads of the Allied orders in Gettysburg and we are planning another one for Springfield Illinois to discuss our future, their future and how can we help each other because we are all getting smaller. Together I don't think we are much more than between 12,000 and 15,000 people. Some of the organizations are really getting down there in number but the relationship beginning to strengthen. With the Auxiliary we've always had a good relationship, but some of the other Allied orders they've gone on their own and really don't want to deal with us but they are dealing with us now and the heads of the organizations are great. I was with the National President of the Daughters who is from California a few weeks ago and we had a great time. We had a great discussion. And on February 12, in Washington D.C., we had three out of the four there and we all got along great. We are doing the same things they are and they are doing what we are. We're trying to help each other. So we are trying to foster good relationships with the Allied orders and it seems to be working so well. I do know that the people coming up behind me are looking for the same things, to continue the relationship of the Allied orders and to further our working with them. If we can do that we can do a lot of things. I'm right now looking at 2016 to the National Encampment being in Springfield Illinois, probably at the Abraham Lincoln but I'm not sure yet. To have a National Encampment where all five Allied orders at once, there aren't many places that can hold it there but that's were looking at. So far four out of the five Allied orders have agreed to it. We still have one more, but these ladies go out three or four years and they have to have it at certain times we are working with them and I am sure we will be able to do this. That in itself, um we used to do many, many years ago. We are talking 20 or 30 years ago all five Allied orders and have their encampment at the same time, same location. We got out of that because of some disagreements, misconceptions and a few other idiosyncrasies that happened with the Allied orders. We are working towards a better relationship along that line and as a matter of fact as soon as I get done talking here I'm going to go over to visit the ladies in a couple of minutes myself, because I have visited the ladies everywhere I have gone myself. Next thing I want to bring up right now is, I brought up the GAR highway, it is there, and I believe that's all we have right now. Does anybody have anything for me? Steve.

**Grave Registration Officer Stephen Twining:** Perley since you've mentioned the changing of the preamble, I have to say I've done a little bit of graves registration and when I find certain graves I get excited. I went into a cemetery and found Governor Andrew's grave and statute. I went into a cemetery in Lowell and for the first time ever found a gravestone that mentioned the decedent was a member of the US Cutter Service during the Civil War.

**Commander in Chief Perley Mellor:** That is what is bringing this on. The question was or the comment from Steve Twining Department Graves Registration Officer was a grave was marked with the Cutter Service. They were finding several of them across the country mostly on the coasts for the Revenue Cutter Service. So we are trying to get the preamble and the Constitution to match. The last thing I have to say is that I created a new committee to overhaul the entire

regulation. That is on the website. Mainly because if you look at it you've got pieces in the middle, pieces in the front and pieces at the end saying the same thing and sometimes they don't even, they conflict with each other. So it is a two-year project and some of you may be called on I don't know. It is up to the committee to help with this and to further it along to get it done. We are going to overhaul the entire regulation into a readable and understandable and get everything where it should be the and not go hunting for the same thing in three different locations in many that contradict each other in many locations. Any other questions?

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Conley Ford, Camp 3188. One question on the 501(c)(3). How will the assets be handled at the Camp, Department, or National level? Will there be any change in how other current assets are being handled or held by the Camp, Department or National organization? How will they be treated?

**Commander in Chief Perley Mellor:** All of the assets you raise for your Camp will be yours. They will not be Nationals, unless you decide to close out and then that goes to National, the Department, and if the Department goes under it goes to National, but other than that it will be yours.
George, will you come here for a second please? On behalf of myself, I've been giving these away. This is the latest challenge coin and this happens to have the Auxiliary emblem on it and I'm giving it to all the Commanders and this is for you.

**Commander George Maple:** Thank you. Brother Bonney, would you go visit the ladies now? Wait for Perley.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary. I have some correspondence from our neighbors to the south in Connecticut. This is the Connecticut Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. The 97th Encampment of the Connecticut Department Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is fast approaching. The meeting will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic Memorial Hall, first floor conference room, Park Place, Rockville, Connecticut, Saturday, May 4. Light lunch to follow. A joint Memorial Service will be held to honor all departed members of the Auxiliary, Camps, Department and other departed members of the Allied Orders. Accommodations are available at the Comfort Inn, the Holiday Inn Express, Motel 6. Reservation should be made ASAP as this may be the University of Connecticut graduation weekend. For those interested, the lunch menu will consist of pizza, salads, fruit, desserts and drinks. Make reservations for the meeting with a check for $12 payable by April 26 or at 860-685-9434. If anybody needs that number again, come see me.
And so we spoke about the change to the preamble to the Constitution, so here we go this is the letter from the National Secretary.
At the 131st National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War meeting in Los Angeles on the 9th through 11th August 2012 at which a quorum was present throughout, and the majority of such said delegates voted in favor of amending the preamble to the National Constitution of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War as follows, from "We the descendants of the Soldiers, Sailors or Marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States of America during the War of Rebellion from 1861 to 1865", change to "We the descendants of the Soldiers Sailors or Marines who served in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, or Revenue Cutter Service of the United States of America during the War of Rebellion. This

change is needed to recognize all the members of the United States Armed Forces that served during the American Civil War 1861 to 1865 as a membership requirements of the Grand Army of the Republic and our organization per Article 3 of the C and R as Marine Corps and Revenue Cutter Service were different branches of the Armed forces. As contained in Article 9 of the Constitution this amendment cannot be affected until favorably acted upon and ratified by at least 50% of the Departments. As required by the Sons of Union Veterans Constitution and directed by Commander in Chief Perley Mellor in General Order number four, the Departments are directed to vote to approve or disapprove the proposed amendment during their 2013 Department Encampments and report the results of that vote on this form. I propose that we accept this change as a Department.

**Unknown:** I'll second that.

**Commander George Maple:** Is there any discussion?

**Unknown:** Was at a motion?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** That was a motion and it was seconded.

**Commander George Maple:** Okay we will have a vote and the form requires the number of ayes and nays. All of those in favor?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Please keep your hand up so I can count. I count 18.

**Commander George Maple:** Opposed. One. Does anyone have any new business?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** While he is handing out the budget I would like to invite all of you next Sunday, April 7 in Charlestown, Massachusetts; they are having the Annual Memorial Service at the Charlestown Civil War monument. It starts at 12:30 PM at the American Legion Hall which is right across from the monument. There will be patriotic exercises in a speaker and it will finish at just before 3 PM and will walk over to the monument and do a wreath laying ceremony with the Mayor or his representative and generally the Commander of the USS Constitution. We need a firing squad and we need some Brother's in uniform, so if you can make that it's in Charlestown at the Charlestown monument were actually at the Charlestown American Legion Hall and it starts at 12:30 PM and a little bit after 3 PM. There is food afterwards as an incentive. After the wreath laying ceremony there is a collation at the Legion Hall so you are invited and I hope you can make it.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Seeing how we don't have a section on Good of the Order, is it possible under new business to mention a few things?

**Commander George Maple:** We will have a spot for that after. Peter you usually read this off, don't you?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** No Perley does.

**Commander George Maple:** Perley does?

**Commander in Chief Perley Mellor:** I am not on the committee

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** You asked who usually does it and I am telling you Perley usually does. Actually the chairman does.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** After we move the flag fund to come up with $7398.00 this encampment is still under this fiscal year so we're going to have expenses for this year. Do we have any idea what that would be?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I think the ladies are here. We're going to have to stop.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'm trying to remember what she told me. It depends what I get back for deposit but right now they have taken roughly $2100 for this Encampment.

**Unknown:** Commander, the ladies would like to come in and make a visitation.

**Treasure Daniel Murray:** Does that answer your question? That is the best I can tell you. They have taken $2100 out right now, It was $215 for the entertainment last night. The $249 for encampment ribbons I just got. And I haven't gotten the bill for (unintelligible) so it will be close to $3000 before we are done at the end of the day.

**Commander George Maple:** (Three raps of the gavel so all will rise for the visitation of the Auxiliary delegation.)

**Unknown:** The ladies Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is presented to the Department.

**Commander George Maple:** You have to give the names.

**Councilman John Bates:** I would like to welcome National President Jane Graham from Ohio and Department President Diane Mellor from Massachusetts.

**Commander George Maple:** Would you like come up to the podium and say a few words?

**National President Jane Graham:** Gentlemen, I would like to bring you greetings from the National Organization Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and my own personal greetings and that of the state of Ohio of which I represent. It is a pleasure for me to be here as I am traveling this country this year. I remember many, many years ago when I joined and it will be 50 in October, that some of the Sons that I have remembered were people from this New England area and it's a joy to be here. And again some of you weren't here this morning at our opening but I want to again say thank you to you the Department of Massachusetts for giving

me the Commander in Chief that I have this year who traveled with me. I thank you very much and we love him to death. Thank you.

**Department President Diane Mellor:** You all know me; if you don't you'll soon know who I am. I too bring you greetings from National and also like to thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to accompany the Commander in Chief wherever he goes. It has been a wonderful year and we know it will continue to be and we constantly talk about our Brothers and Sisters here in Massachusetts, and how much they mean to us. We try to grow them wherever we get them and we hope Massachusetts will grow even bigger and stronger in the future. Thank you

**The Auxiliary National President and the Auxiliary Department President are escorted out.**

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** So Ed, does that answer your question? It will probably be around $4000. There's $1500 have to take right off and the minimum for the hotel is $2100. Then you're looking at another $149 bill here.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** We still have to pay for a hotel room for the band.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Commander I think we need to understand that the general fund even though it says we have $10,400 in reality it is $4200 unallocated at this time.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** We've got $10,300 in there. That is only the difference. The general fund is $10,300 not $8000.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** The general fund shows $10,400.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Yes, the $1500 and $3000 so roughly.....

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** We have $1500 for last year's flag fund and $1500 for this year's.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** No last year's has already been put into a savings account. It has already been set aside. It is gone. It was put into a savings account. I forgot to put it into the budget. We do have $1500 in there. There is a special savings account just for the flags. It is in the Citizens Bank and has earned about three cents interest this year. We have $1500.03 in that account right.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** So we have about $6700 in there right now.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Yes, and on the assets we have $1500 more on that line because the savings account needs to be applied to that. If at the end of four years that account is used the money will be returned to the General Fund.

**Commander George Maple:** Peter, do you want to read the budget?

**Unknown:** Are there any more copies of the budget?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I have three copies of it myself.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** So the corrections to the asset list, because of that $1500 instead of $220,354.62, we have $221,854.65. We have $1500.03 more.

**Unknown:** Could you say that again?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** We have $221,854.65. The bottom line will be $753,476.70.

**Commander George Maple:** Peter. Do you want to read off your proposals for the budget?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Peter Rotando, Council. Does anyone have a calculator handy?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Just use your smart phone.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Grant took Richmond without that, just remember that.

**Commander George Maple:** He had an abacus though.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** What is a budget? It is a reflection of what we propose to do for the year. It is always good to be generous, but then again if we had no real need for it there would be no need to go overboard, so the budget is at the will of the Encampment. The Council can't move that or change it. We can make suggestions if we think there is a need. The items that were given if you look at the proposed budget under column ER, what the Treasurer has sent us based on what was either spent or budgeted before in the previous year. All we need to do now is go through each line item and check off if the proposed budget that they have given us is warranted and worthy or do we need to change and go up or down. This will establish this year's coming budget. We take on line five the battle flags replicas we were budgeted last year for $1500, we spent $1500, with a difference of zip.

**Commander George Maple:** Ed.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Could you remind us again what the anticipated income will be for this coming year?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Almost $21,000 is the figure they gave me and that was before the $53,000 was sent out.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** We get about 4% or 5% a year. So that should be about $2500. So it should be about $23,500.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** That should be enough to cover this budget.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Okay.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Not knowing these facts prior, I guesstimated the $21,000. So vote as you may on the items and hope for this budget will get passed, hopefully without too much disagreement

**Commander George Maple:** Are we going to gavel through one at a time?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** George. one at a time?

**Commander George Maple:** One at a time.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** The first line item on line 5 is Department Battle Flag Replicas which the money was spent, that was budgeted for last year. The proposed budget is again $1500 and again this is because the program is four years, so we have two more years to pay into this on our end of it. There originally was a movement to replace the original colors that were in the State House and gone to the archives with replicas to be placed in view for the public. Kevin, were you on that committee?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Yes

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Do you want to report on that?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** We haven't made the purchases yet, but I don't think there's anything to report.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** We are doing it with the Legion and the VFW?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** The Legion and maybe the 54th Massachusetts.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** So it is a work in progress. So the budget is to continue the program for this year and for next year. We have $1500 for this year it will have to come up with $1500 for next year's budget. So the $1500 appears to stand well given our past performance in the project itself it is up to the encampment to decide if the $1500 is warranted again.

**Unknown:** Are you recommending that we accept it?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** I am, but I cannot make the motion.

**Unknown:** As a member of the Council you can recommend that we accept it.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I recommend that we accept this line item.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? Brother Chambers.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** What I just heard was the initial $1500 will be going into a bank account and if this doesn't come to pass it all goes back into the general fund.

**Commander George Maple:** Yes, by a vote of the body that year.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I make a motion that we accept the whole budget and go line by line and if there is disagreement with each line then have discussion and vote otherwise it's going to take a long time to keep making a motion for each line.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I'll withdraw my motion.

**Unknown:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** Is there any discussion on the motion?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Did we get a second?

**Commander George Maple:** It has already been seconded. Is there any discussion on Kevin's motion? All those in favor? Motion passed. Is there any discussion on the battle flags? (Sound of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Sesquicentennial Events, the budget was $2500 and $1450 was spent for a difference of $1050. The budget submitted is for $1000.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion on that? Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Ed Norris, Senior Vice Commander. I would like to change the title of this so it doesn't confuse as to what a National approved event is. So I think it is important that our Department put on events even if it is approved by National or not, so I would like to see it changed to Department Events 150th Anniversary.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second. Was that a motion?

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Yes, it was a motion.

**Commander George Maple:** You mean like a friendly amendment?

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Okay, an amendment whatever. Isn't it a motion?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** It is a motion and we are making an amendment to the motion.

**Commander George Maple:** The line is a motion.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Then I make an amendment to the motion, a friendly amendment.

**Commander George Maple:** Do you accept it Peter?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Yes.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion on the second line item? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Colors and Maintenance, budgeted for the year was $200, spent $0, left $200 and the same amount as budgeted for this year.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I am just wondering what we're going to be spending the $200 on?

**Commander George Maple:** You would have to ask the incoming Commander. (Laughter)

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I don't know what is wrong with the Department Colors. That is why am asking.

**Commander George Maple:** Actually nothing. They are fairly new. But if something did happen to them there's some money in there to cover it

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Okay, thank you.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Depot Rental Expenses, $1000 budgeted, $1000 spent and again $1000 budgeted for this year. This is for the Department Depot in Rockland.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Encampment expenses, budgeted last year was $1250, spent $241.16 with a balance of $1008.84. We still have more bills to come out of the budget. It is recommended for $1250 again.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Miscellaneous Expenses fund, it was budgeted $500 last year, we spent $179.62, and the balance is $320.38 it is recommended that we spend $500 again for next year.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Newsletter expenses, this year we didn't have one.

**Commander George Maple:** It is going to be all electronic anyways.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** So it will be a nominal expense. It is still an item in the budget. I think the Council is opposed this year, but it is up to the will of the Encampment.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Officers Meetings, budgeted was $1000, actually spent was zero which is the difference of $1000 and is recommended for $1000 for this upcoming year.

**Commander George Maple:** Discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Officer Bond, budget was $250, we spent $235 which is a difference of $15 and requesting the same amount for next year. There isn't much change on this, as it is what it is.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Officer Travel expenses, budgeted was $1500 for the year, actually spent was $508.23 with a difference of $991.77. The proposed budget it has $1500 in the red. Is that for this year's Encampment.(Unintelligible background discussion)

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Chaplain expenses, budgeted nothing, spent nothing, recommended $250.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I just want to clarify it is $250 for travel expenses?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I think it is travel expenses. It is the way it was the year before. These are the officers that had money the year before.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** So my question is if we just gavel through travel expenses is this in addition to that or is this included in that?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** This is all travel expenses; Chaplain, Commander, Senior Vice Commander, Junior Vice Commander, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** So the line that reads $500.23 with $1500 budgeted and a $991 difference.....

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** That's gone. That is zeroed out.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I gotcha, so that is zero and the rest of them .....

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Commander, budget was $250 spent $178.20 with a balance of $71.80 requesting $1100 for this coming budget.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? Brother Twining.

**Graves Registration Officer Stephen Twining:** I am just asking why it is multiplied by four for this coming year.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Can you restate that for him, Pete?

**Commander George Maple:** Peter.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Yes.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Can you restate that question just so we get it correctly?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** The question was from Brother Twining why the dollar amount was four times the previous year.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Can I answer?

**Commander George Maple:** Yes.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Because the Department Commander did not go to National Encampment so that savings kicked in. We expect the incoming Commander to go and be traveling more than George was.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** It was $1100 before.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Correct, and that was the previous question: what were the numbers.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Junior Vice Commander, nothing budgeted, nothing spent in this year requesting $500.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Senior Vice Commander, nothing budgeted nothing spent and requesting $500 for the upcoming budget.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Secretary, nothing budgeted, nothing spent, requesting $250 for the upcoming budget.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Treasurer, nothing budgeted last year, nothing spent and requesting $250 for this upcoming fiscal budget.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Secretary's office supplies, budgeted $500, expenses $442.47 with a balance of $27.53. Treasure recommended $500 budget for the upcoming year.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Annual CPA expense, $2000 budgeted, $2050 spent, we were over by 50. Recommended for next year's budget is $2050.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Department Treasurer office supplies, budgeted $350, spent $155.06 with a balance of $194.94. The budget recommended was $350.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Tax Form preparation. The prior was $500, spent was $500, recommending for the upcoming year another $500.

**Commander George Maple:** Discussion? Brother Ford

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Conley Ford, Scituate Camp 3188 regarding the tax form preparation that is on your list to be item 24. I want to go back to item 21, and why is it the tax form preparation prepared by the same Annual CPA expense report.

**Commander George Maple:** Item 22

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Item 22, why can't that service be provided by the same person that is providing our CPA annual review?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** It is.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** It is by the same person?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** One is a review and one is tax form preparation.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** OK, but I believe that would be one charge.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** This is your tax form preparation right here; it is 21 pages long.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** I'll agree with that, but we got the review too.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** And the review is separate.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** It looks like it should be rolled into one service, be part of the service.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** If you wanted it to be one line item I guess we could do that.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** In other words Taxes and Review rather than have two separate line items for that.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** You could, but I don't know if you're going to change.... Just like this one, the review we ended up doing a tax form and it ended up costing us an extra $50.

**Unknown:** I quit the Council already but I'll go through the whole thing since you asked the question

**Councilman Conley Ford:** It's a function and as a function I would think with the same party, why would we have two separate line items? We should just make it one.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** What happened was he ended up doing an extra tax form this year and that's why it costs us the extra $50.00. That's why it was in the tax prep and not in the review. He found out one of the banks had to take taxes out of one of the CDs. As far as the IRS is concerned we are the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War but the bank so as not to take up too much space on the form put it down as SUVCW. So according to the IRS we are two separate organizations with different Employee Identification Numbers. So in order to get $61 back we had to spend $50 in tax preparation.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** So what do we plan on doing about that?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I contacted the bank and I contacted the IRS and finally got the matter straightened out but we will probably have to pay the extra $50 for tax prep this year and then next year we should be all right.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Chambers.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Can I have you just bounce this back. I thought Conley's question was why it isn't one line item.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** The question is why wasn't, Conley's question, one line item.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** That is the way it was set up. One is tax prep and one is review.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** I'd take all of you who have businesses understand when you have the taxes done it is very costly depending upon who does it. These are the people who represent you to the IRS. I know in my own case sometimes you have to pay a little extra for things that are not in it.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I guess the answer is that just like this when it came to the review, when he did the review he did that last tax form. It is a totally different tax for is a regular one like a 1040. The other is like the 990s and the 990N. I don't know why he does it that way but the review found the difference and that's why one is more than it was last year.Why they split them up originally I don't know but I think it is for that reason.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** That was Daniel Murray.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** That's right, Daniel Murray, Department Treasurer.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Ed Norris, Senior Vice Commander and Past Department Treasurer. We had this split up because the first year when we voted to do an actual review according to our bylaws we went down and got the cost to do the review and it was $2000. What we had planned on was the tax preparation and he basically did it free for us the first year but he told us in subsequent years he was going to charge us the amount. So we got a break that first year and that is how it got broken out. It is probably a good thing to still see what we are paying for each. That is the history on that.

**Commander George Maple:** Thank you. Any further discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Line item 25 Department Web Posting fee. There was $250 budgeted, we spent $109.45 and a difference of $140.55. It is recommended the same for $250 this year.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Ed Norris Senior Vice Commander. I recommend that we drop this expense down to $150 and do you want me to tell you where the other $100 should go or should I come back up. I make a motion that we drop that expense to $150.

**Unknown:** I'll second that.

**Commander George Maple:** So that would be an amendment.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Yes, sorry. It would be an amendment.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary. I stand in opposition to that amendment. Every second year we have to pay a fee to retain the rights to our domain name and this is going to be one of those years.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I thought we paid for 10 years.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Are you sure?

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Positive.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I withdraw it. It will be your discretionary fund if you're wrong. (Laughter) So we still have a motion on the floor.

**Commander George Maple:** For the amendment to bring it down to $150.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Correct.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion on lowering the amount to $150? All those in favor? All those opposed? Motion carries.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Line item 26, the purchase of flag holders, the budget was $1800 we spent $1787.50 with the balance difference of $12.50. The recommendation is for $1500 this budget year.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris. I am guessing this is where the $100 is going.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Ed Norris, Senior Vice Commander, I would like to amend this item to be $1600, the $100 we saved on the previous line item be added to this.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** All those in favor?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** We need to ask for further discussion before we vote.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion?

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** Steve Twining, Graves Registration Officer. This year the budget was increased from the previous year because we wanted to replace 61 flag holders that were stolen from the cemetery where Camp 104 placed grave holders. That was done and now, since I am responsible for the flag holders, we still have quite a few left. The Camps have not been taking them so we could probably get the same amount that the $1500 would buy the next year. I would like to look at maybe dropping it if the Camps are not putting them out the way they have been. That is not unexpected because there are more and more

cemeteries are not allowing flag holders in the cemeteries. So going back to the $1500, it was okay but I wanted to explain why it was more this year and that I still have a few boxes left.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I'll withdraw my amendment.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I'll withdraw the second.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion? Brother Duce.

**Brother Jonathan Duce:** How much is a flag holder?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Brother Twining, how much is a flag holder?

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** I'm not sure but I think they are under seven dollars.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Under seven dollars?

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** They were $6.25 apiece including postage.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion? Brother Conley.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Conley Ford, Scituate Camp 3188, I understand that we have a surplus of these flag holders; in fact I think I have maybe five or six at Camp 3188. I have the flag holders but I don't have the flags to put in. I understand there are two different parts to the flag holders. Is that correct?

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** Yes.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Let me ask you, if in ordering these flag holders do we get them in even numbers or is one more in demand than the other? What kind of an inventory do we have on these flag holders?

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** I am not sure of the exact numbers right now but we usually get more of the Veteran in 1861-1865 because a lot of people and I'm just stating a fact don't do the research to find out if they were Grand Army of the Republic.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Could you restate that?

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Yes, the question I asked is, what is our current inventory of the two type flag holders? Do we have, and we don't have that response. The thing, is if we had an inventory of them, if we had more of the GAR then the 1861-1865 maybe we should do, we should caution them when reordering that we don't make the same mistake then two or three years down the road the GAR flag holders are not in as much of a demand as the 1861-1865.

Second of all we should be sure that we have a nice complement of flags so that when the flag holder is issued to the Camps or individuals that they have flags that would actually go in them. So that is the question here is if we have a surplus of them I don't see the need to order another $1500 worth but maybe we could go half of that. Maybe we could go half of that.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary. Brother Conley may not be aware that every city and town in Massachusetts by law has to provide a flag for every veteran's grave. If you don't have one for a veteran's grave just call up your Veterans Service Agent in town; any has to by law provide you one at his cost. He doesn't have to necessarily give it to you but he has to make sure there is one on the grave. We don't have to buy flags. Flag holders are different issue. As far as cutting back on the number of flag holders I wasn't aware that there were extra ones, but I know that in Camp 104 we have a very active Graves Registration Officer and a very active program to mark graves in the city and surrounding area. We have more to put out over waiting for the new budget to ask for more so I am sure we will use up the $1500 between the whole Department. We'll take a group of them in 104. I would leave it the same.

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** Steve Twining, Graves Registration Officer. $1000-$1500 is what the budget has been. The Graves Registration Officer, or at the time when Ed Norris was ordering the flag holders, we made the decisions by what we thought the percentage would be. We can adjust that when we have a count. I can take an inventory count before we decide to buy and we can come up with a percentage. They will be used; they are not going to go away. But right now my recommendation is that we keep the order at $1500. Let me make the decision on the counts by contacting the Camps to see what they need and as far as knowing whether there is some there. My phone number is published and my email is published; just give me an email and I could let you know.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Murray.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Daniel Murray, Department Treasurer. According to the bill, they were $6.25 apiece, shipping was no charge. That included shipping. There were 192 veteran ordered, there were 94 GAR ordered. So it is approximately 2 to 1.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Conley Ford, Scituate Camp 3188, regarding the flags that go into to the flag holders, I have personal experiences when I travel and I've been in at least five or six states when I traveled visiting family cemeteries and stuff, one on a mountaintop in Kentucky, Harlan Kentucky, Frederick County Tennessee and I come across Civil War graves that are not marked. Of course I have the markers but I don't have the flags, I have to go out and purchase the flags. Yes, they have a veteran society, but I'm on holiday or whatever identifying the graves and marking them and it would be a real convenience to have those, a supply of those flags, our own property so that our Brother's and members who live in other states that visit these family cemeteries where our Civil War Brothers are buried, that is why I brought the question up. Yes, I know in Scituate we do have a Veterans Services Officer and he has ample flags but I have to go and say, hey can you let me have a half a dozen, I am leaving the state and visiting graves and putting in markers. So that is why I brought the question up, not having a ready supply of flags

available which I think all Camps have a half decent supply of flags available. You can use them for different things besides just going in the flag holders.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary I would say that for the relatively few that you would go through, the logistics of Steve trying to distribute flags now on top of the markers I feel is a problem. What I would suggest and what we do in Wakefield is we go to the Veterans Office and get a few boxes of flags and we get down to the last grave marker we get a little extra and hang onto them and everybody always has four in their trunk and then you go around and do what you have to do. So that would be my suggestion, and the other way to do it is if you had to purchase flags as an ongoing thing, is that you can make a part of your Camp budget or ask the Commander for funds. I just think that the logistics of trying to distribute that for Steve would be a little tough; it would just be too low of a number.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Nichols.

**Brother Richard Nichols:** Richard Nichols, Secretary of Camp 104. One of the things that a lot of Brothers don't realize is when the flags on the cemeteries that these markers have been taken and it was down in Lakeside Cemetery… 61 of them. Now what we are doing is going back to the cemetery and making a headcount every year of that cemetery. You just don't go in once and say it's done, because of the fact that many of your old stones were originally put in by the GAR right after the Civil War are literally now being destroyed. If you can possibly mark where that grave is and put a marker there and a flag. The other thing is.....

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Nichols that is a bit off-topic of what we are talking about, the line item that we are going over.

**Brother Richard Nichols:** What I am trying to get at is that we should keep it at $1500 because of the fact that some Camps are much bigger than others and also because of the fact that we are finding them missing when we go back in. So if we keep it at $1500 at least we can replace them. The other thing is when you are going in to flag a lot of the Brothers are looking for those markers to put the flags in because they don't have a clue, especially if they're a new Brother, what they are looking for, for graves names etc. So it helps both ways. Thank you.

**Commander George Maple:** This is going to be the last one, then we will take a vote.

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** Steve Twining, Graves Registration Officer. I was trying to get your attention. I would think that this line item is for flag holders, not flags. We voted to buy flag holders for several years. We have not voted to provide flags. Kevin is absolutely right, when I take care of the cemeteries that I do I go to the local Veterans Service Agents and they are more than glad to give me flags. That is so many more graves that they don't have to worry about flagging. So let's let the state pay what they want to pay and this is the Department budget and if someone wants to travel out of state and they want to flag graves let them find out how that state provides for it. I have flags myself; I always have flags for that purpose.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** I do flagging for the American Legion. But at Walmart for $1.99 or $2.99 depending on the time of the year, you can pick them up. That's the quickest solution.

**Commander George Maple:** It will be and up or down vote for $1500. All those in favor of $1500 for flag holders? All those opposed? Motion carries.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Chelsea Soldiers Home, the budget was $1750, actually spent was $1559.92, with a difference of $190.08. The recommended budget for this year is $1750.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? You're getting it, why do you need to come up here and talk. (Laughter)

**Junior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop:** There's 100 bucks there.....

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** There is $100 from this year's budget that is going for your dues, so there is only about $90 left.

**Junior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop:** Dexter Bishop. Junior Vice Commander. The figure that you see here is about $100 lighter because of the membership that we are paying for some of the individuals that we have sworn in. That being the case, this coming year we should be able to get the camp up and running completely and we will need a little bit more in the way of funding, like to recommend that we increase that $1750 to $1850, just to keep that budget so we don't have to change the bottom line

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion on the line item 27? All those in favor of $1850 for line Item 27? All those opposed? Motion carries.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Item 28, Eagle Scouts Award. Budgeted last year was $300, spent was $175.75, for the balance of $124.25. Budget requested this year is again $300.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** NERA, New England Regional Association. The budget was $500, the expenses $157.50 with a difference of $342.50. Nothing is recommended this year. We had it in Massachusetts this year didn't we?

**Commander George Maple:** Yes we did. Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** For the Good of the Order. $120 was budgeted last year, actually spent was $245.75 with a cost overrun of $125.75. Recommended this year is another $120.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary. I would like to make a motion that this line item be increased by the hundred dollars we saved.....

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** We just spent it. (Laughter)

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I recommend that this budget be increased by $100 from wherever. One of the Good of the Order expenses is that the Department contributes to the upcoming Charlestown Memorial service. We pitch in to pay some of the collation and so we'll need a few bucks for that, it's usually $150 a year. So I would ask that we increase that to $220 and use it for that Charlestown event.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion on raising that to $220? All those in favor? All those opposed? Motion passed.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Item 31, Recruitment. Budget last year was $250, receipts for expenses was zero, recommends $250 for this year.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? Brother Chambers

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Stuart Chambers, Patriotic Instructor for the Department. I've been doing recruiting, which is really not one of the jobs of the Patriotic Instructor; it is usually the Department Junior Vice Commander. But where I go to all of these different venues, I've been doing a lot of recruiting at the same time. Having gone to a number of Encampments over the last few years the only ones that I thought had funds to work with were the elected Officers. So I never put in for mileage or anything else, I didn't know that you could. That is one of the things I found out today. So I just want to say thank you, now that I know. (Laughter).

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Ford.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Conley Ford, Scituate Can 3188. Recruitment Item 31: $250. That is not much money for trying to recruit people for this organization. What does a recruiter do? Do you know? He has to be out there in the public and Brother Stuart was recently in Rockland. You go into a place and they have a Civil War slot. Of course when you have an event like that they charge you for setting up tables or whatever event you're going to be in. Whatever, there is going to be money involved… could be travel expenses and stuff like that. Associated materials sometimes have to be purchased, so $250 just, I think, whoever our new Commander is going to be this next time around, if we're going to really push recruitment we really need to put funds behind it to make it happen. So $250 is just not going to do it. I would say at a bare minimum we need to double up to $500, so I propose that as a minimum. Of course anyone else wants to speak behind me can raise it even more than that. I think that $500 would be the minimum that we should set aside and budget for the 2013-2014 for recruitment.

**Unknown:** I'll second that.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary. I would support what Conley says, but the issue is we have done this before and as you can see from last year's budget nothing gets spent. Everybody likes the idea of recruiting and nobody actually likes recruiting or it seems that way. There is very little recruiting going on. IBM said a few years ago that prior planning is no solution, it depends on execution. That means you can't only budget for what you have to do it. So I think that the reason there is any recruiting placeholder at all for $250 is that we didn't want to forget about recruiting. If you go back over previous budgets you will find that there is nothing spent because we don't do that well with our recruiting. If Brother Ford would come up with a program for recruiting I will support it 100% and agree to bring it up to $500.

**Commander George Maple:** Kevin, you had to bring him back up. (laughter) Brother Ford.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Conley Ford, Scituate Camp 3188 again. Recruiting I understand is one of the Junior Vice Commander's job descriptions is to promote recruiting. This can be done by visitations to the various Camps. You can visit at least one Camp a month so that is 12 Camps a year and do a motivational type talk to the membership. What can I do, what can the Department do to help you recruit? Do you need money? Maybe we can help you there. Do you need some motivational speakers; maybe we can help you there. But the thing is though we've got to make the effort to get out and make these calls, not requiring the program the program is already, it is just a matter of getting off our duffs and making it happen.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Are you going to run it?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** It depends if I'm elected. (Laughter)

**Councilman Conley Ford:** If elected I will definitely visit the Camps. I know a little bit about recruiting. I am no expert at it. But if I can sign up over 30 members by myself, personally and form a Camp, I think I can, I know a little bit about recruiting. First you have to work on your family members. You need to work on your family members and it's great if you have a big family so you've got your wives, you got your nieces, you got your grandchildren, you've got your cousins, you've got your neighbors.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Just the Point of Order, you can't bring your wives, your nieces into the Sons. (Laughter)

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Well, I mean you get them to help you recruit their boyfriends, their husbands or neighbors or whatever. It is a collective type thing. But anyway I would think if we really get busy it's going to be busy but to me if I was the recruiting officer, $250 is not going to last through the first quarter myself just driving around and doing things for the Camps. There are certain things you have to be able to do, you have to press the flesh a little bit and say listen what was your family doing 1861-1865? I don't know, so let's find out. Before you know it after a couple of Diet Coke's, their gloating on you, you know. And everybody says well I'll join and if you hand that application to them right there and you have them sign right now, you can get the check later. You have to get them to get that application in. So many times you go to Camp meetings and you can't find anyone at the Camp meeting who has an application to join. Oh, I

forgot to bring that. That's not prepared, you have to be prepared. Everybody should have a membership card in their back pocket, somebody's talking to them, when you are talking to them on a bus or just an acquaintance, give them an application and then go with it. So with application costs right along I think we should have, we should be sending out and making available application papers, they're not that expensive. But anyway I am going to shut up. (laughter)

**Commander George Maple:** We have a motion to raise this to $500 per line item 31. All those who approve? Nay? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Line Item 32, ROTC awards. The budget was $200, spent this year as you don't have any receipts for it zero, so $200 is recommended for the upcoming year.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Line item 33, Stone Placement. Budgeted last year was $250, no record of expenses for this year, recommended $250 for next year.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion?

**Brother Robert Borden:** Bob Borden, Camp 50. Stone placement is rather ambiguous. What exactly does it describe?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** He is going to come and tell you.

**Commander George Maple:** You got the poor guy to come up again.

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** Steve Twining, Grave Registration Officer. That was a very good question because I get to talk about graves registration again. I have people contacting me every once in a while. They are looking for their Civil War veterans grave and we find there isn't one. They would like to get a stone. The gravestone comes free from the Veterans Administration, but then you have to have it installed. My experiences have been, the 12 1/2 years of doing this, is that most city and town on cemeteries will do that free for a veteran. I don't mean to insult anybody here in the room but Catholic cemeteries usually charge, and it is about $50 a stone. It is nice to have that in your back pocket so if somebody comes looking for their Civil War veteran and you might be talking recruiting again, if you can say yeah, we can get the stone and we will pay for the installation if necessary. $250 at the rate it is going it could be up to five a year and you never know. So that would be really be nice to have that left where it is in case that comes up again.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Commander, being a cemetery Commissioner, those prices go to $90 in the Catholic cemeteries.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Lincoln Brunch expenses, budgeted was $500, actually spent with $100, with the balance of $400 and it is recommended to have the same budget for next year $500.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Actually the Concord Inn refunded the $100 the other day.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Nothing was spent.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** It was canceled because of the blizzard.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Line item 35, National Encampment travel. Budgeted last year was $5000 for the trip out to California and we actually spent $3051.95 with the balance of $1948.05. Recommended this year is $2700 and that was the figure from a couple years ago too.

**Commander George Maple:** Brother Norris.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** How many delegates do we have?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** How many members do we have?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I think we have about a dozen.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Usually we have about nine delegates. One for every 25 members and one for the Department and it usually comes out to nine.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Does that include Past Department Commanders?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** No it doesn't. That is just your delegates.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I just want to make sure we have enough. So if we have nine that is $300 each.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** That doesn't include the Past Department Commanders, which you never get more than eight or nine total that go to encampment anyways.

**Commander George Maple:** Any further discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Last item is number 36, the Remembrance Day Trip. Budgeted was $2500, spent $2500, requesting the same amount for this year.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel)

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** So the bottom line for the budget this year is $23,620.

**Commander George Maple:** So we are done with the budget. (Applause)

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Can we take a short bathroom break?

**Commander George Maple:** That's what we're going to do now. (Three raps of gavel. The Chaplain closes the Bible and the meeting is recessed for break)

**Commander George Maple:** It is 3:30 PM (three raps of gavel. The Chaplain opened the Bible and the meeting was reconvened at 3:30 PM. One rap of gavel) Chip, do you have something for the Good of the Order?

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Stuart Chambers, Patriotic Instructor. Under the Good of the Order, I was hoping that this year we might be able to update the Massachusetts Department site. As Department Patriotic Instructor, and I am still listed as the Camp Commander of Camp 25… it is still listed there and it has been a couple of years along with some of the others, so I am contacting the wrong people when I am asking for reports. Without the updated names on who to contact it is a little difficult chasing down, I hate calling up the wrong people. Also, I just wanted to let you know that the National Archives on Trapelo Road in Waltham have a number of great programs. As Dexter mentioned earlier we went to a lecture by the 54th Massachusetts, not only Honor Guard but members of the reenactment group which I was happy to meet again. I met them at Greenhill in Worcester when we had the Encampment there. Also, the Central Massachusetts Roundtable, I recently gave a talk about a mutiny on some gunboats down on the Neuse River. I also enjoyed Ed Norris's lecture that he gave in Lancaster regarding one of the cemeteries there. I was happy to help them out with a couple of members there; one was a nice challenge, a naval quartermaster. There is an upcoming Boston Roundtable and they have been asking me to do a lecture over there so either in September or October I will be doing one down there.

**Commander George Maple:** Does anyone else have anything for the Good of the Order? Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department of Massachusetts Secretary. Just a heads up, we're going to do the Gettysburg trip again in November. This is the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg address. It's going to be a very crowded trip; the hotel has already told us that they are blocking off  less rooms than we've had in the past so when the announcement comes out if you want to go it is going to be first come first serve. Make sure that you respond immediately because I'm pretty sure it is going to sell out, we only have 19 rooms. Just keep that in mind. Also I just want to mention that coming up, you know we are kind of into the season now, there will Department Encampment after Department Encampment and all kinds of activities coming up. Keep in mind that on May 26th at Bourne National Cemetery will be the Memorial Day observance for the Department, and the Department usually attends as a group in uniform to march into the National Cemetery. I hope you'll put aside some time to attend this event, and the Commander, whatever that might be, is to read General Order 11. So please make an effort to attend.

Perley wanted me to let everyone know that the old Cyclorama Building is gone now. They finally got rid of the remnants of the building. They just did it two days ago.

**Commander George Maple:** Anyone else? All right, can I get a final Delegate count from Brother Twining? Steve final count please.

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** 23, including yourself.

**Commander George Maple:** We're going to have nominations for.....

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Do we know how many delegates we can elect?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** The answer is eight delegates.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Thank you.

**Commander George Maple:** Do we have any nominations for Department Commander? Brother Chambers.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Stuart Chambers, Patriotic Instructor. I nominate Ed Norris.

**Commander George Maple:** Do we have a second?

**Councilman John Bates:** I'll second.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? (Rap of gavel) Is someone going to make a motion to cast one ballot?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** So made.

**Brother Jonathan Duce:** I'll make a motion that the Secretary cast one ballot for all uncontested Department offices.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel). Ed is now Commander.(Applause). Any nominations for Senior Vice Commander? Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary, I would like to place the name before you of Dexter Bishop as Senior Vice Commander. All of you have seen the work that Dexter has done at the Soldiers Home. If you haven't seen the pictures, it is extraordinary work. My wife for the first time helped out this year and will be doing it from now on too. She was thrilled at the response that they get. Dexter has been an untiring advocate of the Organization in

Lynn, at the Soldiers Home where he is starting a Camp. I can't think of a better candidate than Dexter Bishop so I would put his name into nomination for Senior Vice Commander.

**Brother George Rutter:** I'll second the nomination.

**Commander George Maple:** Dexter, would you accept?

**Junior Vice Commander Dexter Bishop:** Yes, I would.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? (Rap of gavel). Dexter is the new Senior Vice. (Applause). Nominations for Junior Vice Commander? Brother Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I'd like to nominate as Junior Vice Commander Conley Ford. As you guys all know Conley brings a lot of energy to the Organization. I remember when he first contacted me, just before he started his Camp, I got a call from National saying that somebody was contacting them asking them if they could start a GAR Camp and I called Conley. Conley, if you don't know, is a natural born organizer. He started two American Legion posts plus he was on the committee that restored the GAR Hall in Scituate and he started the Camp and won the best new Camp. He has the ribbon from the National Order and caused us to win the award for the highest percentage of new members in the National Organization. He is always a tireless, as you can tell, talker and an inspiration, and he gets people motivated. I think for Junior Vice Commander, who is in charge of recruiting, he is just the kind of person to do that so again I nominate Conley Ford for Junior Vice Commander.

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** Would you accept this if elected?

**Councilman Conley Ford:** I will.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** In the back.

**Brother George Rutter:** I'd like to nominate Steve Twining.

**Commander George Maple:** Do we have a second?

**Brother Robert Knight:** Second.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** George Rutter nominated Stephen Twining with Bob Knight's second.

**Commander George Maple:** Would you accept the position if elected?

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** Yes.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? (Rap of gavel)

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** It looks like we're going to have an election.

**Commander George Maple:** We have 22 who will be voting. I am the 23rd and I would only vote to break a tie. Peter, I guess we need three, right?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Yes.

**Commander George Maple:** Peter, would you tally the ballots? Dexter? We need at least two.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Just to remind everybody, you will be voting for Ford or Twining… Conley Ford or Steve Twining. Who is collecting the ballots?

**Commander George Maple:** Peter is.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Is he counting or collecting?

**Commander George Maple:** I guess he can do both.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Why don't you collect those in your hat?

**(Waiting while ballots are collected)**

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Peter Rotando, Council. Commander, the polling results for the position of Junior Vice Commander for next year: Conley Ford 14, Stephen Twining 6 and Dexter Bishop 1. This is a total of 21 votes out of 22. (Applause)

**Commander George Maple:** Congratulations Conley. Are there any nominations for Treasurer?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary. There is only one choice for Treasurer, in my opinion. Dan has been doing a great job. As you can tell by the budget, with his reasoning, with the way that he goes by the accounting, he does a great job. Dan Murray I will nominate for Treasurer. Thank you

**Brother George Rutter:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** Will you serve if elected?

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Yes, I will.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? (Rap of gavel). Dan you have another year. Nominations for Department Secretary.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Stuart Chambers, Department Patriotic instructor. I will nominate Richard Carter for Secretary and I don't get a check for it either.

**Commander George Maple:** I have a second?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Just a Point of Order, Richard Carter is not present but has it in writing that he will accept the office if elected.

**Commander George Maple:** Do we have a second?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations?

**Brother George Rutter:** I would like to nominate Kevin Tucker.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I will not accept.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations? Any other nominations? Any other nominations? (Rap of gavel). So, Dick Carter is the new Secretary. Ed, you have to take the next one, the nominations for Department Council.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Just a Point of Order. We have two two-year terms and one.....

**Commander George Maple:** Two.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** What?

**Commander George Maple:** A couple of years ago we were supposed to have elections for the Council, two members were two-year terms and one was one year and then the following year that one position would be open for two years. So every year would have at least one position with experience. We have that in our bylaws.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** So what we voting on this time?

**Commander George Maple:** The two top vote getters get two years and the third gets one year.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Ed Norris, Senior Vice, I make a motion for the Department Council that the two top vote getters get the two-year terms and the third-place vote gets a one-year term

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll second that.

**Commander George Maple:** Any discussion? (Rap of gavel) All those in favor? All those opposed? Motion carries.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** All right, I'm going to make a call for nominations for Department Council. Brother Chambers.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** Stuart Chambers, Department Patriotic Instructor. I'd like to recommend for nomination Peter Rotando, George Maple.....

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Only one at a time.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** One at a time? Peter Rotando.

**Commander George Maple:** Second.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Peter would you accept?

**Councilman Peter Rotando:** Yes.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Are there any other nominations? Brother Chambers.

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** I would like to nominate George Maple as another member for the Council.

**Brother Jonathan Duce:** Second

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** George, do you accept?

**Commander George Maple:** Yes.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Are there any other nominations? Brother Chambers

**Patriotic Instructor Stuart Chambers:** I'd also like to nominate Brother Mellor.

**Commander in Chief Perley Mellor:** I respectfully decline because it would be too many members from one Camp.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Are there any other nominations? Brother Bates.

**Councilman John Bates:** John Bates, PDC. I would like to nominate Kevin Tucker for the Council.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Is there a second?

**Brother George Rutter:** I'll second.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Will you accept?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** I'll accept.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Are there any other nominations for Department Council? Brother Knight.

**Brother Robert Knight:** Bob Knight, PDC. I would like to nominate for the Council Brother Steve Twining.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Is there a second?

**Brother Richard Lufkin:** Second.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Will you accept?

**Grave Registrations Officer Stephen Twining:** Yes.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Brother Ford.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** I have a question. When nominating a person, can they be nominated more than once… the same person?

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** What do you mean? You do not need to nominate somebody again. Are there any other nominations? (Rap of gavel) Nominations are closed. We will have an election. Remember, the top two vote getters have the two-year terms and third place gets the one-year term. You can write up to three names on the ballot but you can't write one name more than once. If you write somebody's name three times it doesn't count as three votes.
Could we get somebody else to count the votes besides Peter? So we will have Bob Borden, Dexter Bishop, and Al Bonney count the votes.

(Ballots are passed out and counted)

**Brother Al Bonney:** Al Bonney, the counts are Kevin Tucker 15, George Maple 14, Peter Rotando 16. That is the top three vote getters

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** So Kevin and George have the two-year terms and Peter you have the one-year term.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Peter and Kevin have the two-year terms.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** So Peter and Kevin have two-year terms and George, you have the one-year term. Do you want your seat back?

**Commander George Maple:** No. (Laughter) Should we have a break? This…

**Secretry Kevin Tucker:** No, we have to get out of here. Before we can do installations we have one more election to do for delegates.

**Commander George Maple:** We need nominations for eight delegates.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Point of Order. We need the names of eight people and then we can make a motion that anybody can be an alternate.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll start by nominating Conley Ford.

**Councilman Conley Ford:** Yes sir, I'll serve.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Do you want me to nominate another?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Yes, and I will second.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** Dexter Bishop.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll nominate Ken London. Is there anybody else going to National?

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Even if they're not, put their name down.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll nominate Steve Twining.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll nominate Al Bonney.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll nominate Chip Chambers.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll nominate Tim Callahan.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Treasurer Daniel Murray:** I'll nominate Mal Grant.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Second.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? (Rap of gavel). Congratulations to the new Delegates. Nominations for Alternates.

**Secretary Kevin Tucker:** Kevin Tucker, Department Secretary I would like to nominate all Brothers in the Department as of today who otherwise don't have honors to be alternates.

**Senior Vice Commander Edward Norris:** I'll second that.

**Commander George Maple:** Are there any other nominations? Any discussion?(Rap of gavel) We are done, now we can proceed to Installation. We're going to move right along with Installations.

**The Department Encampment proceeded to Installations. The Installing Officer was Commander in Chief Perley Mellor and Installations were done in due form.**

# DEPARTMENT OFFICERS ROLL CALL

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| Commander | George E Maple | Present |
| Senior Vice Commander | Edward J Norris | Present |
| Junior Vice Commander | Dexter A Bishop | Present |
| Council 1 | Peter N Rotando | Present |
| Council 2 | Conley W Ford | Present |
| Council 3 | John W Bates | Present |
| Secretary | Kevin P Tucker | Present |
| Treasurer | Daniel W Murray | Present |
| Patriotic Instructor | Stuart H Chambers | Present |
| Chaplain | Stephen J. Twining | Present |
| Historian | Matthew Wallace-Gross | Absent |
| Color Bearer | vacant | |
| Guard | vacant | |
| Guide | vacant | |
| Counselor | Perley E Mellor | Present |
| Civil War Memorial Officer | Reynaldo Rodriguez | Absent |
| Graves Registration Officer | Stephen J Twining | Present |
| Eagle Scout Award Officer | Timothy T Callahan | Present |
| ROTC Officer | Richard A Carter | Absent |
| GAR Highway Officer | Robert S Borden | Present |
| Department Organizer | John W Bates | Present |
| Signals Officer | Jack T Manning | Absent |
| Newsletter Editor | Reynaldo Rodriguez | Absent |

## Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War
## Certification of Election and Installation of Department Officers

Form 49 – Rev. November 2011

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At the Annual Encampment of this Department held at (location) Marlborough, Massachusetts

On the 30th day of March, 2013 the following Officers for the ensuing year were duly elected, appointed, and installed:

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## CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION OF DELEGATES

The following, all in good standing in their respective Camps, were duly elected to represent this Department as DELEGATES to the next Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (Attach additional sheet, if necessary.)

| Name (First, Middle, Last) | City | State | Zip Code | Name (First, Middle, Last) | City | State | Zip |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Conley W. Ford, PCC | Scituate | MA | 02066 | Timothy T. Callahan, Jr., PCC | Braintree | MA | 02184 |
| Dexter A. Bishop | Topsfield | MA | 01983 | Elisha M. Grant | Northboro | MA | 01532 |
| Kenneth London | Braintree | MA | 02184 | | | | |
| Stephen J. Twinning, PCC | Fitchburg | MA | 01420 | | | | |
| Allerton L. Bonney | Scituate | MA | 02066 | | | | |
| Stuart H. Chambers, PCC | Framingham | MA | 01701 | | | | |

## PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

The following Past Department Commanders are in good standing and are entitled to attend the Annual National Encampment of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. (*Do NOT include deceased.*)

| Name (First, Middle, Last) | City | State | Zip Code | Name (First, Middle, Last) | City | State | Zip |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Robert H. Knight | Feeding Hills | MA | 01030 | | | | |
| John W. Bates III | Melrose | MA | 02176 | | | | |
| Perley E. Mellor | Nashua | NH | 03062 | | | | |
| Kevin P. Tucker | Wakefield | MA | 01880 | | | | |
| George E. Maple, Jr. | Woonsocket | RI | 02895 | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |

## SIGNATURE OF INSTALLING OFFICER, DEPARTMENT OFFICERS, AND NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

| | Installing Officer: | Department Secretary: | Department Commander: | National Executive Director: |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Date: 5/14/13 | Signature | Signature | Signature | Signature |
| Printed Name: | Perley E. Mellor | Kevin P. Tucker | Edward J. Norris | David W. Demmy, Sr. |

Date received at National Headquarters: _____



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THE BIVOUAC OF THE DEAD

The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on life's parade shall meet
That brave and fallen few,
On fame's eternal camping ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And glory guards, with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

A poem written by Theodore O'Hara

# MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT

# SUVCW / ASUVCW

# MEMORIAL SERVICE

## Marlborough, MA

## MARCH 30, 2013

## MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT
## SUVCW – ASUVCW

**Candles lit by AUX Chaplain Heather Needleman**
**SUV Chaplain Steve Twining**

**Invocation by AUX Chaplain Heather Needleman**

**Verses 1 & 2 of *Amazing Grace***

**Flowers placed for:**

**Yellow**

**All deceased SUV National Officers – Perley Mellor, CinC**
**All deceased Aux. National Officers – Jane Graham, NP**

**Red**

**All deceased SUV Depart. Officers – George Maple, DC**
**All deceased Aux. Depart. Officers – Diane Mellor, DP**

**Blue**

**All MA Camp Officers – John Bates, CC 61**
**All MA Aux. Officers – Crystal Clark, AP Aux #25**

**White**

**For deceased SUV members – Ed Norris, DSV**
**In memory of Robert Sherman – PDC Robert Knight**

**For deceased Aux. members – Dee Bonnie, DVP**
**In memory of Estelle Adler, Aux. #3355 – Dee Bonney, AP #3355**

**Eulogy for deceased members.**

**Verses 1 & 4 *Battle Hymn of the Republic***

**Benediction by SUV Chaplain Steve Twining**

**Candles extinguished.**

### AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound**
**That saved a wretch like me**
**I once was lost**
**Was blind but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,**
**And grace my fears relieved,**
**How precious did that grace appear**
**The hour I once believed.**

**********

### BATTLE HYMN OF THE REPUBLIC

**Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord**
**He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored**
**He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword**
**His truth is marching on.**

**Glory, glory hallelujah**
**Glory, glory hallelujah**
**Glory, glory hallelujah**
**His truth is marching on.**

**In the Beauty of the lilies**
**Christ was born across the sea;**
**With a glory in His Bosom**
**That transfigured you and me;**
**As He died to make men holy,**
**Let us die to make men free.**
**While God is marching on.**

**Glory, glory hallelujah**
**Glory, glory hallelujah**
**Glory, glory hallelujah**
**His truth is marching on.**

# ATTENTION

## SISTERS & BROTHERS!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

# 2013 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

OF THE

## DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

## SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR & AUXILIARY

AT THE

**MARRIOTT COURTYARD HOTEL**

75 FELTON STREET, MARLBOROUGH, MA 01752

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH & SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2013**

**EVENTS WILL INCLUDE:**

CAMPFIRE WITH MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT
ANNUAL COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST
JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE AND OPENING
ANNUAL PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON
ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

## DISCOUNTED LODGING

The MARRIOTT COURTYARD HOTEL is offering a special $99.00 per room/per night (plus tax) rate for S.U.V.C.W. & Auxiliary Members.

IMPORTANT: Reservations must be received by MARCH 6TH, 2013, in order for the hotel to guarantee the discounted rate and availability. Reservations made after this date are subject to availability.

Group Code is SUVSUVA. Hotel Reservations: 1-508-480-0015
or on the internet at: http://www.courtyardmarlborough.com/

## ENCAMPMENT SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION

Registration for the SUVCW will begin on Friday afternoon. Registration for the ASUVCW will begin on Saturday morning. Registration will be $5.00 per Member.

CAMPFIRE

The Encampment will kick off with a joint SUVCW/ASUVCW Campfire at 7:00 PM, on Friday, March 29th. The 12th Georgia Camp Band will provide entertainment. Refreshments will be served.

COMMANDER'S BREAKFAST

Our annual Commander's Breakfast will be held on Saturday morning, March 30th, at 7:00 AM, featuring a wonderful breakfast buffet. Tickets to the breakfast are $15.00 per person.

JOINT OPENING and MEMORIAL SERVICE

The S.U.V.C.W. and A.S.U.V.C.W. will hold its annual Joint Opening and Memorial Service on Saturday, March 30th, at 8:30 AM

BUSINESS SESSIONS

The first business session will be held immediately following the Memorial Service and will continue until 12:00 Noon on Saturday, March 30th. The second business session will be held from 1:30 PM until 5:00 PM, or at the conclusion of the Installation of Department Officers.

PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

The President's Luncheon will be held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, March 30th, and will feature a delicious cold cut buffet lunch along with entertainment by our guest speaker, author Kate Clifford Larson, PhD. Tickets are $25.00 per person.

ENCAMPMENT BANQUET

The Encampment Banquet will be held from 6:30 PM until 9:30 PM on Saturday evening, March 30th. The meal is your choice of roasted turkey, baked scrod or roasted pork. Tickets for the Banquet are $35.00 per person.

Return the attached reply form with a check or money order, payable to "Department of Mass., SUVCW", to:

Department Encampment
Veronica Mellor, Treasurer
16 Norma Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

# 2013 ANNUAL ENCAMPMENT

of the

## DEPARTMENT of MASSACHUSETTS

Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

AND

Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

at the

Courtyard by Marriott

March 29th & 30th, 2013

Please reply by March 22nd, 2013

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/TOWN _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____ CAMP/AUX. #_____

HONORS: (circle highest) CinC DC CC PCC PDC NP DP AP PDP DEL ALT DEL

### ENCAMPMENT EVENT

☐ I would like to Register for the SUVCW Encampment in advance. (Registration $5.00)

☐ I would like to Register for the ASUVCW Encampment in advance. (Registration $5.00)

☐ I would like to order _____ ticket(s) for the Commander's Breakfast at $15.00 each.

☐ I would like to order _____ ticket(s) to the President's Luncheon at $25.00 each.

☐ I would like to order _____ ticket(s) to the Encampment Banquet at $35.00 each.

Dinner Choice(s): _____Roast Turkey _____Baked Scrod _____Roast Pork

☐ **SPECIAL OFFER: I am attending all three meal events, plus registration, for a special price of $70.00**

I have enclosed a check or money order for $_____ for the above items.

Make checks or money orders payable to: Dept. of Mass., S.U.V.C.W.

Complete this form and send it, along with payment, to:

Department Encampment
Veronica Mellor
16 Norma Drive
Nashua, NH 03062

**NOTE ON LODGING:**

The Courtyard by Marriott is offering a special rate for all Allied Orders Members of **$99** per room/per night, plus tax, for Friday and Saturday.

Hotel reservations must be made by **March 6, 2013**, in order for the hotel to guarantee availability. Reservations made after this date are subject to space and rate availability.
When making a reservation, the Group Code is SUVSUVA. The Department will not make reservations on behalf of Members. Members are responsible for their lodging.

**COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT RESERVATIONS: 1-508-480-0015**
**OR ON LINE AT: http://www.courtyardmarlborough.com/**

# March 2013 MA Encampment Registration

| Name | Camp Aux | Rank | Check # | Paid |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Bates, John | 25 | | 7255 | $75.00 |
| Bishop, Dexter | 5 | del | 6064 | $70.00 |
| Blackwell, Jim | 50 | | 5217 | $5.00 |
| Bonney, Al | | | 2572 | $30.00 |
| Bonney, Dee | 3188 | PAP | pd | $30.00 |
| Borden, Robert | 50 | PCC | 1970 | $5.00 |
| Callahan, Tim | 104 | alt | 717 | $70.00 |
| Chambers, Stuart | 25 | PCC | 185 | $40.00 |
| Clarke, Crystal | 25 | | pd | $5.00 |
| Clarke, Evan | 25 | | pd | $5.00 |
| Duce, Jonathan | | | 609 | $5.00 |
| Ford, Conley | 3188 | | 462 | $70.00 |
| Frail, Anna | | | | $5.00 |
| Graham, Jane | OH 91 | NP | free | $0.00 |
| Grant, Mal | 25 | | 729 | $55.00 |
| Greenwalt, Ramona | OH 91 | PDP | 4467 | $70.00 |
| Hilton, Nancy | OH 91 | PNP | 5044 | $70.00 |
| Hosking, Jennifer | 25 | DS | pd | $5.00 |
| Knight, Bob | 61 | PDC | 4120 | $65.00 |
| London, Ken | 25 | alt | 5845 | $70.00 |
| Maple, George | 25 | DC | free | $0.00 |
| Mellor, Diane | 25 | DP | free | $0.00 |
| Mellor, Perley | 25 | NC | free | $0.00 |
| Mellor, Veronica | 25 | DPI | 328 | $70.00 |
| Murry, Dan | | | | $5.00 |
| Needleman, Heather | 25 | chap | pd | $5.00 |
| Needleman, Michael | 25 | | 1542 | $5.00 |
| Nichols, Rich | 104 | alt | 1842 | $40.00 |
| Norman, Joyce | 20 CT | PDP | PD | $70.00 |
| Norris, Ed | 25 | PCC | 3636 | $105.00 |
| Rotando, Peter | | | | $5.00 |
| Rutter, George | 104 | PCC | 2275 | $65.00 |
| Sherman, R | | | 443 | $45.00 |
| Smith, Albert | 5 | | 9714 | $30.00 |
| Trepanier, Judy | 20 CT | PNP | 2404 | $70.00 |
| Tucker, Kevin | | 19152 | 18959 | $70.00 |
| Twining, Stephen | 61 | PCC | 212 | $65.00 |
| | | | | |
| totals | | | | $1,400.00 |

## March 2013 MA Encampment Registration

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deal $10.00 off for all choice's | | (-$10.00 ea. X 11 people = $-110.00) | -110 |
| Men | 25 | ($5.00 ea. - 2 people free = $115.00) | 115 |
| Women | 12 | ($5.00 ea. - 2 people free = $50.00) | 50 |
| Commanders Breakfas | 17 | ($15.00 ea.- 4 people free =$195.00) | 195 |
| Presidents Lunch | 22 | ($25.00 ea. - 4 people free = $450.00) | 450 |
| Dinner | 24 | ($35.00 ea. - 4 pople free = $700.00) | 700 |
| Fish | 8 | | |
| Pork | 8 | | |
| Turkey | 8 | | 1400 |

Expenses owed to the women all checks can be sent to; *Diane Mellor 16 Norma Dr., Nashua NH 3062*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| registration | $50.00 | to be sent to Diane Mellor for the AUX. |
| Diane Mellor | $71.17 | |
| Veronica Mellor | $29.48 | |
| Heather Needleman | $65.82 | |

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To the Board of Directors of
Sons of Union Veterans of the
Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood, NH 03833-6206

This letter is to confirm our understanding of the terms and objectives of our engagement and the nature and limitations of the services we will provide.

We will perform the following services:

1. We will review the statement of financial position – cash basis of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Dept (a nonprofit organization) as of March 31, 2013, and the related statement of activities – cash basis for the year then ended, and issue an accountant's report thereon in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

   The objective of a review is to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for the financial statements to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.

   You are responsible for:

   a. the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

   b. designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

   c. preventing and detecting fraud.

   d. identifying and ensuring that the organization complies with the laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

   e. making all financial records and related information available to us and for the accuracy and completeness of that information.

   f. providing us, at the conclusion of the engagement, with a letter that confirms certain representations made during the review.

   We will conduct our review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

   A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to your financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. A review does not contemplate obtaining an understanding of the Organization's internal control; assessing fraud risk; testing accounting records by obtaining sufficient appropriate audit evidence through inspection, observation, confirmation, or the examination of source documents (for example, cancelled checks or bank images); or other procedures ordinarily performed in an audit. Accordingly, we will not express an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole.

   Our engagement cannot be relied upon to disclose errors, fraud, or illegal acts. However, we will inform the appropriate level of management of any material errors and of any evidence or information

that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures that fraud may have occurred. In addition, we will inform you of any evidence or information that comes to our attention during the performance of our review procedures regarding illegal acts that may have occurred, unless they are clearly inconsequential. In addition, we have no responsibility to identify and communicate deficiencies in your internal control as part of this engagement.

If, for any reason, we are unable to complete our review of your financial statements, we will not issue a report on such statements as a result of this engagement.

2. We will prepare the federal Form 990 (Return of Organization Exempt from Federal Income Tax) for Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Dept for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2013.

You agree to assume all management responsibilities for the bookkeeping services, tax services, or other nonattest services we provide; oversee the services by designating an individual, preferably from senior management, with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience; evaluate the adequacy and results of the services; and accept responsibility for them.

Mark Mueller is the engagement partner and is responsible for supervising the engagement and signing the report.

We estimate that our fees for these services will not exceed $2,100 for the review and $500 for preparing Federal Form 990.

The fee estimate is based on anticipated cooperation from your personnel and the assumption that unexpected circumstances will not be encountered during the work performed. If significant additional time is necessary, we will discuss it with you and arrive at a new fee estimate before we incur the additional costs. Our invoices for these fees will be rendered each month as work progresses and are payable on presentation.

We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to you and believe this letter accurately summarizes the significant terms of our engagement. If you have any questions, please let us know. If you agree with terms of our engagement as described in this letter, please sign the enclosed copy and return it to us.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mueller

_____

Treasurer

_____

Date

*SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT*

*BRENTWOOD NH, 03833*

COPY

September 20, 2013

Mark S. Mueller, CPA
23 Mill Street, Suite 2
Leominster, MA 01453

We are providing this letter in connection with your reviews of the statements of financial position - cash basis and statements of activities – cash basis of Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Mass Dept. as of March 31, 2013 and 2012, and for the years then ended for the purpose of obtaining limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting. We confirm that we are responsible for the preparation and fair presentation in the financial statements of financial position and changes in net assets in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and the selection and application of the accounting policies.

Certain representations in this letter are described as being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in the light of surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person using the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement.

We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, as of September 20, 2013, the following representations made to you during your review:

1. The financial statements referred to above are fairly presented in conformity with the cash basis of accounting.

2. We have made available to you all:

    a. Financial records and related data.

    b. Minutes of the meetings of trustees, board of directors, and committees of directors (or similar bodies, as applicable), or summaries of actions of recent meetings for which minutes have not yet been prepared.

3. There have been no communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices.

4. No material transactions exist that have not been properly reflected in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.

5. We acknowledge our responsibility for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting.

6. We acknowledge our responsibility to prevent and detect fraud.

7. We have no knowledge of any fraud or suspected fraud affecting the entity involving management or others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements, including any communications from employees, former employees, or others.

8. We have no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets, liabilities, or net asset balances.

9. There are no-

    a. Violations or possible violations of laws and regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.

    b. We are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims, or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments that are required to be accrued or disclosed in the financial statements in accordance with FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies*, and we have not consulted a lawyer concerning litigation, claims, or assessments.

    c. Other material liabilities or gain or loss contingencies that are required to be accrued or disclosed by FASB ASC 450, *Contingencies*.

10. The Organization has satisfactory title of all owned assets, and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged.

11. There are no designations of net assets that were not properly authorized and approved or reclassifications of net assets that have not been properly reflected in the financial statements.

12. We have complied with all restrictions on resources (including donor restrictions) and all aspects of contractual and grant agreements that would have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance. This includes complying with donor requirements to maintain a specific asset composition necessary to satisfy their restrictions.

13. The following have been properly recorded or disclosed in the financial statements:

    a. Related party transactions including sales, purchases, loans, transfers, leasing arrangements, and guarantees, and amounts receivable from or payable to related parties.

    b. Guarantees, whether written or oral, under which the organization is contingently liable.

    c. Significant estimates and material concentrations known to management that are required to be disclosed in accordance with FASB 275, *Risks and Uncertainties.*

14. We are in agreement with the adjusting journal entries, if any, you have recommended, and they have been posted to the Organization's accounts.

15. In regards to the 990 information return preparation services performed by you, we have:

    a. Assumed all management responsibilities.
    b. Designated an individual (within senior management) who possesses suitable skill, knowledge, or experience to oversee the services.
    c. Evaluated the adequacy and results of the services performed.
    d. Accepted responsibility for the results of the services.

16. To the best of our knowledge and belief, no events have occurred subsequent to the statement of financial position date and through the date of this letter that would require adjustment to or disclosure in the aforementioned financial statements.

17. We have responded fully and truthfully to all inquiries made to us by you during your review.

_____
Treasurer

_____
Date

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

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# SONS OF UNION VETERANS
# OF THE
# CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS-CASH BASIS
WITH
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED

MARCH 31, 2013 AND 2012

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Sons of Union Veterans of
the Civil War Mass Dept
Brentwood NH, 03833

We have reviewed the accompanying statements of financial position - cash basis of **SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT** (a non-profit organization) as of March 31, 2013 and 2012, and the related statements of activities - cash basis for the years then ended. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of organization management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with the cash basis of accounting, as described in Note B.

Sincerely,

Mark S. Mueller CPA
September 20, 2013

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENTS OF FINACIAL POSITION - CASH BASIS

MARCH 31,

ASSETS

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|---|---|
| Assets: | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | $ 9,075 | $ 15,162 |
| Investments at Fair Market Value | 752,876 | 704,774 |
| Total Assets | $ 761,951 | $ 719,936 |

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Net Assets: | | |
| Unrestricted | $ 641,714 | $ 600,415 |
| Temporarily Restricted | 781 | 65 |
| Permanently Restricted | 119,456 | 119,456 |
| Total Net Assets | 761,951 | 719,936 |
| Total Liabilities & Net Assets | $ 761,951 | $ 719,936 |

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

SONS OF UNION VETERANS
OF THE
CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS

YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2013

| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanantly Restricted | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Membership Fees | $ 5,486 | $ - | $ - | $ 5,486 |
| Dividend and Interest Income | 21,011 | 804 | - | 21,815 |
| Realized Gain on Investments | 11 | | | 11 |
| Unrealized Gains on Investments | 38,796 | - | - | 38,796 |
| Total Revenues and Gains | 65,304 | 804 | - | 66,108 |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions | 88 | (88) | - | - |
| Total Support, Revenue, and Gains | 65,392 | 716 | - | 66,108 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| National Membership Fees | 5,030 | - | - | 5,030 |
| Department Encampment Expenses | - | - | - | - |
| Good of the Order | 2,532 | - | - | 2,532 |
| Rememberance Day | 2,500 | - | - | 2,500 |
| Flag Holder Expense | 1,782 | - | - | 1,782 |
| Travel | 2,819 | - | - | 2,819 |
| Equipment Purchase | 1,500 | - | - | 1,500 |
| Meetings | 2,450 | - | - | 2,450 |
| Printing Expense | - | - | - | - |
| Miscellaneous | 527 | - | - | 527 |
| Management and General | | | | - |
| Rent | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 |
| Insurance | 235 | - | - | 235 |
| Office Expense | 1,168 | - | - | 1,168 |
| Professional Fees | 2,550 | - | - | 2,550 |
| Total Expenses | 24,093 | - | - | 24,093 |
| Change in Net Assets | 41,299 | 716 | - | 42,015 |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | 600,415 | 65 | 119,456 | 719,936 |
| Net Assets End of Year | $ 641,714 | $ 781 | $ 119,456 | $ 761,951 |

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

# SONS OF UNION VETERANS
# OF THE
# CIVIL WAR MASS DEPT

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - CASH BASIS

## YEAR ENDED MARCH 31, 2012

| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Permanantly Restricted | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Revenues: | | | | |
| Membership Fees | $ 4,360 | $ - | $ - | $ 4,360 |
| Dividend and Interest Income | 20,938 | 595 | - | 21,533 |
| Realized Gain on Investments | - | - | - | - |
| Unrealized Gains on Investments | 24,528 | - | - | 24,528 |
| Total Revenues and Gains | 49,826 | 595 | - | 50,421 |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions | 1,429 | (1,429) | - | - |
| Total Support, Revenue, and Gains | 51,255 | (834) | - | 50,421 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| National Membership Fees | 6,843 | - | - | 6,843 |
| Department Encampment Expenses | 2,205 | - | - | 2,205 |
| Good of the Order | 2,488 | - | - | 2,488 |
| Rememberance Day | 2,000 | - | - | 2,000 |
| Flag Holder Expense | 1,500 | - | - | 1,500 |
| Travel | 2,643 | - | - | 2,643 |
| Equipment Purchase | - | - | - | - |
| Meetings | 3,154 | - | - | 3,154 |
| Miscellaneous | 696 | - | - | 696 |
| Management and General | | | | - |
| Rent | 1,000 | - | - | 1,000 |
| Insurance | 235 | - | - | 235 |
| Office Expense | 912 | - | - | 912 |
| Professional Fees | 2,500 | - | - | 2,500 |
| Total Expenses | 26,176 | - | - | 26,176 |
| Change in Net Assets | 25,079 | (834) | - | 24,245 |
| Net Assets Beginning of Year | 575,336 | 899 | 119,456 | 695,691 |
| Net Assets End of Year | $ 600,415 | $ 65 | $ 119,456 | $ 719,936 |

(See Accompanying Notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report)

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1. Nature of Activities and Significant Accounting Policies

a) Nature of Activities:

The Organization was formed in 1881 and declared to be incorporated and domiciled in the District of Columbia. The Organization's purpose is to perpetuate the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic and the men who saved the Union from 1861 to 1865 through preserving and making available for research documents and records pertaining to its members. Other activities include honoring all those who served our country patriotically and teaching patriotism and duties of citizenship.

b) Basis of Presentation:

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting; consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenses and purchases of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. Net assets, revenues, expenses, and gains and losses are classified based on the existence or absence of donor-imposed restrictions. Accordingly, net assets of the Organization and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Unrestricted Net Assets - Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed stipulations.

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that may or will be met, either by actions of the Organization and/or the passage of time. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions.

Permanently Restricted Net Assets - Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Organization. Generally, the donors of these assets permit the Organization to use all or part of the income earned on any related investments for general or specific purposes.

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c) Cash and Cash Equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents consist primarily of demand deposit accounts and certificates of deposit with maturities of 3 months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market value.

d) Contributions:

Contributions, including unconditional pledges, are recorded as made. All contributions are available for unrestricted use unless specifically restricted by the donor. Pledges are recognized when the conditions on which they depend are substantially met. Donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. Contributions of investments are recorded at the fair market value at the date of the gift.

e) Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

f) Investments:

Investments in marketable securities with readily determinable fair values and all investments in debt securities are valued at their fair market value in the statements of financial position.

g) Income Taxes:

The Organization is exempt from federal tax under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is also exempt from state and local income taxes.

g) Income Taxes: (Continued)

On April 1, 2009, the Organization adopted the provisions of FASB ASC-740-10, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes.* FASB ASC-740-10 requires that a tax position be recognized or derecognized based on a 'more-likely-than-not' threshold. This applies to positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The implementation of FASB ASC-740-10 had no impact on the Organization's statement of financial position or statement of activities. The Organization does not believe its financial statements include (or reflect) any uncertain tax positions.

The Organization files information returns in the U.S. Federal jurisdiction. With few exceptions, the Organization is no longer subject to U.S. Federal information return examinations by tax authorities for years before 2010.

h) Concentrations of Credit Risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Organization to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of cash and certificates of deposit. The Organization maintains its cash in bank deposit accounts, the balances of which, at times may exceed federally insured limits. Accounts are guaranteed by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to $250,000. At March 31, 2013 and 2012, the Organization did not have deposits excess of FDIC insured limits. The Organization has not experienced any losses in such accounts.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

| | 2012 | 2012 |
|---|---|---|
| Cash | $ 9,075 | $ 15,162 |
| Total | $ 9,075 | $ 15,162 |

3. Fair Value Measurements:

ASC 820-10-50, *Fair Value Measurements* establishes a framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy under ASC 820-10-50 are described below:

Level 1 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Organization has the ability to access.

Level 2 Inputs to the valuation methodology include:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement.

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2013.

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Common Stocks | $ 542,325 | $ - | - | $ 542,325 |
| Certificates of Deposit | - | 210,551 | - | 210,551 |
| | $ 542,325 | $ 210,551 | $ - | $ 752,876 |

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3. Fair Value Measurements: (Continued)

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

| | March 31, 2013 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Total |
| Dividend and Interest Income | $ 21,011 | $ 804 | $ 21,815 |
| Realized Gains On Investments | 11 | - | 11 |
| Unrealized Gains On Investment | 38,796 | - | 38,796 |
| | $ 59,818 | $ 804 | $ 60,622 |

Assets at Fair Values as of March 31, 2012.

| | Level 1 | Level 2 | Level 3 | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Common Stocks | $ 449,172 | $ - | - | $ 449,172 |
| Certificates of Deposit | - | 255,602 | - | 255,602 |
| | $ 449,172 | $ 255,602 | $ - | $ 704,774 |

The following schedule summarizes the investment return and its classification in the statement of activities.

| | March 31, 2012 | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | Unrestricted | Temporarily Restricted | Total |
| Dividend and Interest Income | $ 20,938 | $ 595 | $ 21,533 |
| Realized Gains On Investments | - | - | - |
| Unrealized Gains On Investment | 24,528 | - | 24,528 |
| | $ 45,466 | $ 595 | $ 46,061 |

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4. Temporarily Restricted Net Assets:

Temporarily Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

| | 2012 | 2012 |
|---|---|---|
| Arnold William Copenhagen Fund<br>Income available to the post for relief work and the decoration of graves of veterans of the Civil War. | $ 356 | $ 23 |
| Margaretha Myers Fund<br>Income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts. | 80 | 7 |
| Charles F. Ellis Fund<br>Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries. | 106 | 8 |
| George C. Marshall Fund<br>Income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries. | 145 | 15 |
| Robert & Ethel Wood Fund<br>Income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts. | 94 | 12 |
| | $ 781 | $ 65 |

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5. Permanently Restricted Net Assets:

Permanently Restricted Net Assets are for the following purposes:

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|---|---|---|
| Arnold William Copenhagen Fund<br>Investments in perpetuity, income available to the post for relief work and the decaration of graves of veterans of the Civil War. | $ 47,070 | $ 47,070 |
| Margaretha Myers Fund<br>Investments in perpetuity, income available to provide proper care of lot# 814 Hyacinth, Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge, Massachusetts. | 14,071 | 14,071 |
| Charles F. Ellis Fund<br>Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational, and patriotic work of Camp 81 including proper observance of Memorial Day, and other patriotic anniversaries. | 17,284 | 17,284 |
| George C. Marshall Fund<br>Investments in perpetuity, income available to carry on the charitable, benevolent, educational,and patriotic work of the Camp including the proper observance of Memorial Day and other patriotic anniversaries. | 13,993 | 13,993 |
| Robert & Ethel Wood Fund<br>Investments in perpetuity income available to place a wreath at each Christmas season on the graves of Robert and Ethel Wood, Cedar Grove Cemetery, Lot# 3298 Dorchester, Massachusetts. | 27,038 | 27,038 |
| | $ 119,456 | $ 119,456 |

6. Evaluation of Subsequent Events

The Organization has evaluated subsequent events through September 20, 2013, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.